



The Daily Transcript honors promising Young Attorneys in San Diego

San Diego County law firms maintain a competitive edge by attracting top attorneys as well as grooming outstanding young talent. In this special publication, *The Daily Transcript* recognizes the San Diego legal community's up-and-coming stars with the fifth annual Young Attorneys honor.

These attorneys work for large, national firms, specialized boutiques, nonprofits and the justice system. Many are associates, and some have made partner. A few have even opened offices of their own.

Each of the 50 finalists has demonstrated common characteristics; they are hard working and detail-

oriented, knowledgeable and enthusiastic, ethical and professional, and committed to furthering the interests of justice in society.

New attorneys with seven years of experience or less practicing law in private, public, contracts or federal patent practice were nominated by their peers and mentors, who answered the call to single out rising talent in San Diego County's courtrooms and legal hallways. They were judged by an independent panel of legal experts.

Keep your eyes on today's Young Attorneys — these honorees could very well be the Top Attorneys of tomorrow.

Emily Crowley

Crowley Law Group

Emily Crowley is a second-year criminal defense attorney with a focus on federal defense. In addition to



her law practice, Crowley has dedicated herself, particularly in the past year, to homeless advocacy. She joined the board of directors of the Girls Think Tank (GTT), a local homeless advocacy nonprofit, in September 2011 as chair of the programs committee and immediately became

heavily involved in developing a legal clinic for the homeless. Within the past year, the legal clinic has become a reality and provides homeless community

members legal referrals and advocacy three nights per month. Crowley staffs this clinic every week. She also spearheaded the organization's effort to create a "Know Your Rights" resource guide specifically tailored to San Diego's homeless community. This guide is expected to be available to the community in early 2013.

Crowley became vice president of GTT in July 2012. She continues to oversee the Legal Referral and Advocacy Clinic and the "Know Your Rights" resource guide, and now oversees the distribution of more than 500 winter and summer survival backpacks to the homeless and is heavily involved in maintaining the Homeless Storage Check-In Center which GTT operates. This has included lobbying city council and continuous involvement with the governmental

agencies and businesses in downtown San Diego. Two weeks ago, with Crowley on the executive committee, GTT held its sixth annual Community Picnic for the homeless, which was well attended by housed and un-housed community members and several local politicians.

In addition to her tireless dedication to GTT, Emily has provided pro bono legal services to homeless veterans for Homeless Court at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' annual Stand Down event for the past three years. She has served as volunteer speaker for the American Civil Liberties Union's Constitution Day for the past three years, and also volunteers with the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, mediating disputes between juveniles in the Girls' Rehabilitation Facility of the County of San Diego Probation Department.

Crowley has second-chaired four federal trials this year and continues to gain valuable trial skills. In this pursuit, she attended a three-day trial skills course by Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers College in Cambria, Calif., in the spring and is a devotee of the Spence method. She attends nearly all seminars offered by Federal Defenders of San Diego, San Diego Public Defenders Office and the Criminal Defense Bar Association.

Crowley graduated from California Western School of Law in 2010 in the top one-third of her class and received the Academic Achievement Award in California Sentencing Law. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science from University of California, Santa Barbara, in 2002.