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Relief, respect and responsibility

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Jessica Valenzuela Santamaria
Partner at Cooley
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The Psychic Rewards

Yes, making partner means more money.
It also means respect, autonomy — and, for many, relief.

Erik Cummins Special to The Recorder

A commercial litigator with eight years in practice, Jessica Valenzuela Santamaria said she “felt really incredible” when she was told that she had made partner at Cooley in November after a months-long process.

Soon after, she heard from former classmates, friends and family — and even got a congratulatory e-mail. “It’s also nice,” says new Cooley litigation partner Jessica Valenzuela Santamaria, “to not have someone approve every decision I make.”

Beyond applause, and sometimes delayed, financial rewards of making partner, the title carries with it a wealth of psychic rewards: respect from peers and family, greater autonomy and accountability, and, for many, a feeling of relief.

Riverside-based litigator Jerry Dagarella joined Best Best & Krieger in 2004 as a third-year associate. In August, he spent more than 20 hours working on a partnership application that required him to trace all of his activities since joining the firm. He was elected by the firm’s full partnership in November.

“I would like to say excitement, but the word I would use is relief,” Dagarella said. “If I had been rejected, I would feel like where do I go from here? You are in a kind of limbo until you know what your future is. So, you go from really, really wanting to have a good decision to wanting to just have a decision.”

Teresa Goebel’s partnership track was temporarily derailed by the 2008 collapse of Heller Ehrman, where she was being considered for partner. Although she had an established practice as a real estate lawyer, Goodwin Procter, where she joined as counsel, was focused more on whether candidates had developed the legal skills necessary to become partners. “Obviously, there had to be a business case, too,” she said.

Goebel heard the good news from Regina Pío, the firm’s chairwoman, who called her in May. “It was also very gratifying to see the reaction from clients,” she said. “I got flowers, champagne and congratulatory e-mails.”

Reaching the partnership milestone had an extra benefit as well. “People outside the firm do treat you a little differently,” she said. “It’s a lot.”

Goebel’s day-to-day work hasn’t changed much. But she has taken on more administrative duties, there are more meetings to attend, and there’s a whole new level of new personal work on tax paperwork relating to her ownership status. Likewise, Jason Lo, a new partner at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in Los Angeles, said that little has changed on a daily basis. Partnership has given him a sense of stability and, of course, a change in his compensation. But the biggest difference, he said, is that “everything that goes on is your responsibility.”

When Richard Moore joined Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in 2001, the firm’s orient-
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Partner promotions at California firms in the past year

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Fish & Richardson
University of Virginia School of Law, 2003

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Southwestern Law School, 1986

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Harvard Law School, 1999

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UCLA School of Law, 1986

Jeffrey Ames
Paul, Plevin, Sullivan & Connaghton
University of Maryland School of Law, 1998

Michael Amon
Fish & Richardson
University of San Diego School of Law, 2002

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Rutan & Tucker
University of the Pacific’s McGeorge School of Law, 2001

Maribeth Annaguey
Liner Grode Stein Yankelvitz Sunshine Regenstreif & Taylor
University of Southern California Law School, 2003

Michelle Armond
Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear
UC Berkeley School of Law, 2003

Maria Audoer
Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker
Southwestern Law School, 2000

Charles Bair
Cooley
Stanford Law School, 2002

Christopher Bakes
Bullivant Houser Bailey
University of San Francisco School of Law, 1981

Christopher Banks
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius
Georgetown University Law Center, 2001

Peder Batalden
Horvitz & Levy
UCLA School of Law, 1999

Robert Bedgood
Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman
University of San Diego School of Law, 2003

Robert Binion
Carroll, Burdick & McDonough
UC Berkeley School of Law, 2003

Miranda Biven
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati
University of Sydney, 1997

Richard Blake
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati
Brigham Young University’s J. Reuben Clark Law School, 1998

Dean Bochner
Horvitz & Levy
University of Michigan Law School, 1994

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Howard Rice Nemerovski Canady Falk & Rabkin
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David Bona
Carlson, Calladine & Peterson
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Fordham University School of Law, 2001

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Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith
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Cox Castle & Nicholson
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DLA Piper
UCLA School of Law, 1999

Gregory Brodericker
Downey Brand
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Amber Rye Brumfield
Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold
Harvard Law School, 2001

Jared Bryan
Jackson Lewis
Harvard Law School, 2002

Benjamin Burkhardt
Bingham McCutchen
University of Southern California Law School, 1996

Mollie Burks-Thomas
Gordon & Rees
Western State University College of Law, 2002

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Durie Tangri
University of Pennsylvania Law School, 1998

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Harvard Law School, 2000

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Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd
California Western School of Law, 1984

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Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati
George Washington University Law School, 2000

Dylan Carson
Tucker Ellis & West
Suffolk University Law School, 1997

Ian Carter
Downey Brand
Santa Clara University School of Law, 2000

Nafiz Cekirge
Bryan Cave
Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, 1999

G. Braiden Chadwick
Downey Brand
Loyola Law School, 2003

Aster Chang
Wasserman, Comden, Casselman & Enzenstein
Southwestern Law School, 2003

Laura Chapman
Foley & Lardner
University of Southern California Law School, 1993

Tracie Childs
Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester
Thomas Jefferson School of Law, 1997

Lily Chinn
Beveridge & Diamond
UCLA School of Law, 1999

Lynette Christopoulos
Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith
Loyola Law School, 1997

Terence Church
Morgan Miller Blair
Hastings College of the Law, 1979

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Jones Day
Georgetown University Law Center, 1999

Charles Coleman
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Cooper Collins
Murchison & Cummy
University of Colorado Law School, 1987

Mikal Condon
K&L Gates
Georgetown University Law Center, 2001

Ellyce Cooper
Sidley Austin
UCLA School of Law, 1999

John Cox
Keessal, Young & Logan
Hastings College of the Law, 1998

Jesse Cripps
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
Pepperdine University School of Law, 2002

Scott Cwientry
Rutan & Tucker
Loyola Law School, 2001

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Best Best & Krieger
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Harvard Law School, 2004

Thomas D’Amato
Murphy Pearson Bradley & Feeney
Hastings College of the Law, 2001

Jason Davis
Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd
UC Berkeley School of Law, 2002

Daniel Deston
Nixon Peabody
Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, 1998

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Munger, Tolles & Olson
Stanford Law School, 1997

Laura Duncan
Beveridge & Diamond
George Washington University Law School, 2002

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Shannon Eagan
Cooley
Stanford Law School, 2000

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Georgetown University Law Center, 2002

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Geoffrey Godfrey

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Stanford Law School, 2003

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Reed Smith

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Pepperdine University School of Law, 1989

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Carroll, Burdick & McDonough

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