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Sheppard Mullin, Lehot led the global capital markets and public company mergers and acquisitions practices. Rooney chaired the emerging growth, venture capital and technology mergers and acquisitions practices. Their move to Cooley followed that of C. Thomas Hopkins, who was co-chair of Sheppard Mullin's corporate practice before he jumped to Cooley's Santa Monica office. Hopkins was joined by technology transactions partner Ian D. Smith in his move. Among Hopkins and Lehot's clients are Glendale-based LegalZoom.com Inc., which has recently raised venture capital financing and prepared an initial public offering. Rooney's clients include WeVideo Inc. and venture capital firm NEA. He also serves as an adviser to entrepreneurs at Bay Area startup accelerators such as Kicklabs and Communitech's Hyperdrive. At least 100 Cooley lawyers and current and prospective clients came to wish Rooney and Lehot well, including representatives from venture capital firms, startups, accounting firms and other companies. - Jill Patton

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UC Irvine School of Law honored six Orange County federal judges on April 27 at its inaugural Public Service Awards Dinner. Law school Dean Erwin Chemerinsky gave awards to judges Cormac J. Carney, David O. Carter, Andrew J. Guilford, James V. Selna, Alicemarie H. Stotler and Josephine Staton Tucker at the Island Hotel in Newport Beach. About 300 people attended the event. - Alexandra Schwappach