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SATPAL NAGPAL
*Partner; Audit and Assurance
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Satpal Nagpal, CPA, leads GHJ's Audit and Assurance Practice, overseeing a team of national employees that serve leading clients throughout Los Angeles and the country. With a passion for technology and knack for developing efficiencies and process improvements, Nagpal goes above and beyond his mandate by streamlining procedures and always being on the forefront of technology adoption.

Nagpal leads the implementations of new technologies and out-of-the-box solutions that make the Audit and Assurance Practice better equipped to take on larger clients with complex needs and remain resilient in a competitive field. In the past few years, Nagpal optimized the firm's remote audit.



DEMEIL NISSAN
*Partner
 Duffy Kruspodin, LLP*

Demeil Nissan is a CPA and partner in public accounting who brings deep technical skill and thoughtful leadership to his work in tax planning and complex transaction support. He is known for helping clients navigate important financial decisions with care, precision, and a clear understanding of today's evolving tax environment. His experience across professional services, investment partnerships, and real estate structures allows him to provide practical guidance in situations that require strong judgment and expertise.

Nissan also plays a key leadership role within the firm. He is a trusted advisor to clients and colleagues alike, recognized for his steady approach, responsiveness, and integrity.



PARNIA PANDKHO
*Partner
 Armanino LLP*

A former CFO and controller, Parnia Pandkhou has over 15 years of public and private accounting experience. She serves clients in a wide range of industries, including retail, entertainment, bioplastics, technology and real estate. Taking a comprehensive approach, inclusive of operational aspects, she provides expertise in financial planning and analysis driven by KPIs.

Pandkhou has showcased expertise in interim CFO roles, successfully navigating mergers and acquisitions while integrating corporate cultures and optimizing business functions. She has spearheaded the establishment of business outsourcing services in new, challenging markets, particularly within the real estate and cannabis industries.



DAVID PAPOTTA
*Director, Tax & Business Services
 Maridea Wealth Management*

Bringing over 25 years of experience in public and private accounting, providing clients with practical solutions and trusted guidance across a wide range of industries, including agriculture, aviation, construction, entertainment, professional services, and more. He specializes in helping clients with complex financial, tax, and business planning needs, including audits, reviews, and compliance for companies with significant assets.

A licensed CPA in California and Idaho with auditing and forensics background from the AICPA, Papotta is known for his hands-on approach and deep expertise. His areas of expertise include business management, forensic accounting, tax return preparation, and attest engagements.



ABHI PARIKH
*Partner; Tax Practice Leader
 Richey May SoCal*

Abhi Parikh represents a new generation of accounting leaders whose expertise bridges sophisticated real estate tax strategy, private equity consulting, and high-net-worth client service. With a unique background that spans Big Four experience and entrepreneurial practice development, Parikh distinguishes himself through hands-on innovation, mentorship, and the delivery of holistic guidance on complex transactions.

As partner and Tax Practice leader at Richey May SoCal, Parikh leverages deep expertise in tax compliance and consulting to guide high-net-worth individuals, organizations, and partnerships through complex federal, state, and international tax challenges.

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