

## TOP 40 UNDER 40 BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

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## Anna Addleman

### Addleman & Associates APC

Title: Founder

Age: 38

Addleman had worked as a forensic and litigation consultant for a decade when, in 2011, she came to a crossroads in her career. The firm she worked for, financial services giant LECG Corp., was being dissolved, and she was six months pregnant with her third child. After some soul searching — and a lot of networking — Addleman struck out on her own. It was the best decision she ever made, she said.

She founded Addleman & Associates APC, and is managing director of the litigation consulting and forensic accounting company. Addleman and her team of three other CPAs work with attorneys and clients on financial matters relating to divorces and civil cases. Their services include providing expert testimony on matters in federal and state courts, mediations and settlement negotiations.

The majority of the company's work involves individuals in divorce. Family law attorneys hire her firm to assess financial issues such as income available for support; identify and trace assets; value businesses, apportionment and reimbursement calculations; and analyze unrecorded income and assets for marital estates of all sizes.

Addleman is also a proponent of the collaborative approach to divorce, which can



resolve family disputes without the stress and expense of the court system. She is a board member of the Collaborative Family Law Group of San Diego and its immediate past president. Addleman said the process has gotten good results, helping couples cooperate for the benefit of all family members. While collaborative divorce proceedings comprise a small part of the business, she said the method is gaining momentum in San Diego.

In civil cases, Addleman & Associates

assists clients with all financial aspects of an investigation or dispute. This might include reconstructing books and records, calculating damages and delivering expert testimony.

Addleman credits her success to three things: client service, hard work and detail.

"I like what I do, and I'm grateful that the company has done so well. It was the best decision I've made," she said.

— Jennifer Chung Klam