

# 30 Is the New 40

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Hvolka shines best when she's working on drafting and negotiating major leases and amendments for owners of first-class office projects in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. For the past year, she has been drafting the disposition/development agreement and developer ground lease for the Grand Avenue project, while other notable accomplishments include the Hotel del Coronado sale and the purchase of five square miles of vacant

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