

Law360 Profiles Special Counsel Wayne J. D'Angelo As One of Its 2014 'Rising Stars'

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Special Counsel [Wayne J. D'Angelo](#) was profiled by *Law360* for the second consecutive year as one of its "Attorneys Under 40 to Watch," which recognizes top legal talent across the United States under the age of 40.

As one of only five honorees in the Environmental Law category, Mr. D'Angelo was selected for leading several major industry challenges to federal regulatory decisions, including Office of Management and Budget's social cost of carbon estimate and multiple advocacy efforts against proposed listing decisions under the Endangered Species Act, including an omnibus listing of 66 species of coral.

When asked how to effectively work with clients, Mr. D'Angelo said, "Fundamentally, you need to make the client's life easier." That means communicating well, getting your bills in when you are asked to and staying within established budgets — all in the service of delivering a positive result. "What we do here better than most is we effectively integrate policy, law and science."

This year, 163 attorneys made the Rising Stars Under 40 list, out of a pool of more than 1,000 nominees. The annual series recognizes attorneys under 40 who have accomplished great feats during their relatively short legal careers.

"The caliber of the candidates was truly impressive this year. Young attorneys are increasingly taking the lead on the biggest lawsuits and deals and handling the firm's most important clients." said managing editor Cat Fredenburgh when asked about this year's list in comparison to previous years.