



**N**ostradamus is not on our payroll so *The National Law Journal* can't report the future today. But we can make some predictions. One is that the young Washington-area lawyers profiled here will play a major role in the legal community of the nation's capital—and therefore of the nation—for years to come.

Selected by the editors based on nominations and reporting, these 40 individuals have already made their marks in private practice, in government agencies, on Capitol Hill and with public interest groups. Some have garnered headlines; others are less well-known. And not one has reached the age of 40.

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## PAUL SHERIDAN JR

LATHAM & WATKINS

Last week Paul Sheridan Jr. closed another deal. His client, Vought Aircraft Industries, sold certain operations to Boeing Co. as part of a deal in which, Sheridan said, about \$580 million will be payable to Vought. It's just the latest on a long list of mergers and acquisitions that Sheridan, 37, has shepherded to completion. The Latham & Watkins partner has handled multiple deals for The Carlyle Group, including its \$145 million sale of Wall Street English. Sheridan also counts entrepreneur Mark Ein as a client, having helped Ein purchase the tennis team Washington Kastles. And Sheridan is one-half of a power couple in Latham's corporate department (see below).

—Marisa McQuilken