



The First Tee of Orange County welcomes three new board members

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The First Tee of Orange County has added three members to its board of directors: Gary Bridge, Colin Higgins and Melissa Davis Lowe.

“As our organization continues to expand its local footprint, The First Tee of Orange County is impacting more young lives,” said board president Tim Casey. “The additions of Gary, Colin and Melissa come at a time of significant growth for our organization.”

The three additions all have business and nonprofit backgrounds:

Bridge, a resident of Laguna Niguel, is a sales representative for real estate and lender accounts at First American Title in Santa Ana. He also serves as president of the First American Golf Association, chairman of the Semper Fi Golf Classic and has been involved with Children’s Ministries for 20 years.

An associate at Costa Mesa-based Snell & Wilmer, Higgins, who lives in Aliso Viejo, focuses his practice on business litigation in state and federal courts, and in administrative and ADR proceedings. He is also an Emerging Leaders council member with Orange County United Way and a supervising attorney at UCI’s School of Law’s Pro Bono Program.

Lowe is a partner in Shulman Hodges & Bastian’s Bankruptcy and Reorganization department in Irvine where she covers all aspects of bankruptcy law. The Lake Forest resident also has held positions with the Orange County Bankruptcy Forum, serving as a former president, and the California Bankruptcy Forum.

Based in Anaheim, The First Tee of Orange County educates and motivates youths through character-building programs aimed at promoting healthy choices and instilling values necessary to be successful on the golf course and in life. The Orange County facility is one of seven in the Southland that uses the national group’s Nine Core Values of confidence, responsibility, respect, honesty, judgment, perseverance, sportsmanship, integrity and courtesy in its daily dealings with participants.