Forty Under 40

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As *Utah Business* launched its quest to identify 40 of the state’s hottest and brightest business leaders under the age of 40, we found candidates with vision, charisma and grit. Each of these nominees and their business ventures dramatize the quality of the state’s thriving business landscape. This year marks the third annual *Forty Under 40* feature in *Utah Business* magazine. The result is a glimpse into the cosmos of Utah’s rising stars.

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**Robert C. O’Connor**

**Age:** 35

*managing partner, Salt Lake City office*

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O’Connor first joined WSGR in Palo Alto in 1995 but left the firm briefly to be general counsel of the InsurQuote Systems in Provo before rejoining and opening the Salt Lake City office in 2001. He has since built the local practice of the nationally renowned firm from two lawyers to 10 lawyers and eight staff with such clients as NextPage, Star Bridge Systems, Huntsman Biotechnology, Echelon Biosciences, and vSpring Capital. He was lead lawyer on the Altiris and Overstock.com IPOs and NPS Pharmaceuticals’ $100 million public offering. He was third ranked corporate lawyer in Utah by Chambers USA in 2004 and is co-author of *The Initial Public Offering: A Guidebook for Executive Officers and Directors*.

**First Job:** Caddy

**Last Book Read:** *9/11 Commission Report* by National Commission on Terrorist Attacks

**Favorite Restaurant:** Riverhorse Café

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