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## DAILY BUSINESS REVIEW

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# 2019 PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS



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On The Rise

### PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE **DISTINGUISHED LEADERS**



**PETER PRIETO**  
Title: Partner  
Firm: Podhurst Orseck

**What is the one word people use to describe you?** Straight shooter, though my children would say annoying.

**What is your favorite thing about being in the legal profession?** How challenging and demanding it is if you want to succeed in it.

**What could you do without in the legal profession?** Arrogant or self-absorbed lawyers.

**What is your No. 1 survival tip in a work crisis?** Take a deep breath, deal with it and keep it in perspective because it's not the end of the world.

**What do you think you are better at than others?** Communicating frankly with others.

**What advice do you have for aspiring legal professionals?** Work hard, stay hungry and humble, and find balance between your profession and your personal life.

**What has been the most significant change in the legal profession in the past 10 years?** Increasing sophistication and importance of technology.

**Knowing what you know now, what would you tell your young self when you were graduating?** Every once in a while, take time to enjoy your successes and to be grateful.

**What are you most proud of achieving in your career?** Having the opportunity to work with legends like Chesterfield Smith, Dan Pearson, Aaron Podhurst and Bob Josefsberg, and call them not only my partners, but my friends.

**What's your idea of an idyllic retirement, and are you going to pursue it?** I'd be bored if I didn't have some stress in my life, so as long as I can continue to find some time to relax and spend with my family, I have no plans on retiring.