

## FOCUS: 40 under 40



**Shaalu Mehra, 37**  
**Partner, Perkins Coie**

Shaalu Mehra thought he would never be anything but an academic. But today he is partner at Perkins Coie, a top law firm, according to Chambers USA, an annual ranking of the world's leading lawyers. Mehra earned a bachelor's degree in physics from the University of Notre Dame, a master's degree in computer engineering from the University of Michigan, and a law degree from Columbia University Law School. He also is actively involved in the Open Solutions Alliance.

Mehra lives in East Palo Alto and is an amateur musician classically trained in guitar. Most recently, he fulfilled a life-long dream to see The Police live in concert during a reunion tour, as he was too young to see the band play before it broke up. Mehra has a listing in the Internet Movie Database - IMDB.com - for a local TV show he worked on during high school.