

Katherine Bundesen

2025 Forty Under 40 winner

As the compliance manager for Redwood Credit Union, Katherine Bundesen is responsible for legal and regulatory compliance, the Bank Secrecy Act, and business continuity.

Bundesen started at RCU in 2017 as a compliance analyst with a background in the legal field and corporate compliance. In her current role, she helped grow the compliance program and guide her team as they approach \$10B in assets. Other professional highlights include helping establish the construction lending program and serving on RCU's Advisory Committee.

She has been honored as an employee of the month and recently earned a Foundation Award for exceptional leadership.

Bundesen holds a BA in Sociology of Law from UC Davis and a Paralegal Certificate from UC Berkeley.

One of Bundesen's greatest professional accomplishments is the growth she has experienced in her role as compliance manager and winning RCU's Foundation Award for Q3 2024.

Bundesen said her top professional goals for the year include developing her team and continuing to grow Redwood Credit Union as a mentor and leader.

The best advice she received from a mentor was, "focus in on the items we can control and the items we can influence." "The goal is to help make a difference and channel efforts into areas that we can impact."

She admires Ruth Bader Ginsburg for her significant strides in gender equality, civil rights, and legal rights. "Despite facing sexism, personal challenges, and health challenges, she was dedicated to her work and left a legacy of equality."

The best thing about being under 40 in the business world, according to Bundesen, "Is having energy, adaptability, and opportunities for growth. With changing technology and

innovation, it provides an amazing opportunity to innovate the industry and be a part of that change.”

“The biggest challenge of being under 40 in business is the perception of inexperience and work-life balance,” she said. “As someone who is incredibly dedicated to my work and the community, it can often be hard to balance career growth and other priorities.”

Bundesen is actively involved in the community where she serves as the president of the Active 20-30 Club of the Redwood Empire #1029 and the national secretary for Active 20-30 United States and Canada. She has also served on the board of the Wednesday Night Market.

A Windsor native who now lives in Santa Rosa with her husband, Kyle, and their dog, Truffle, Bundesen is passionate about giving back to the community through her work and volunteer efforts.

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