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Hoge Fenton Lawyer Named to Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference
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Hoge Fenton Jones & Appel is pleased to announce that member **James E. Towery** has been selected as a Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference.

Towery, representing the federal bar for a three-year term, will meet with Northern District judges throughout the year to discuss matters of mutual concern. He also will participate in special projects designed to aid the courts in improving the administration of justice, including proposed rule changes, alternative dispute resolution, and educational programs.

"I don't believe that our firm has ever had a lawyer rep before, so I am honored to be the first," said Towery. "I hope this helps to reinforce our firm's already outstanding reputation in federal court litigation."

Towery is Chair of the firm's Litigation Group and has more than 25 years' trial experience in state and federal courts. He focuses his practice on civil litigation with an emphasis on professional liability and business litigation. Towery is a distinguished leader of the California Bar, serving as President in 1995-96, recently serving on the California Chief Justice's Commission on Multi-Jurisdictional Practice and chairing its Task Force on Insurance Disclosure. He served in the ABA House of Delegates for ten years, and has been selected to the American Board of Trial Advocates. He was named a 2007 and 2008 "Northern California Super Lawyer," as chosen by his peers and through the independent research of *Law & Politics* magazine.

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