

DENISE CHAMBLISS ELEVATED TO SHAREHOLDER

Hoge Fenton is pleased to announce that attorney **Denise E. Chambliss** has been elevated to shareholder, effective January 1, 2015.

Based primarily in the firm's Tri-Valley office, Denise chairs the firm's Trust and Estate Litigation group.

Denise maintains a general civil and business trial practice, with a focus on trust and estate litigation representing individual and corporate trustees, as well as executors and beneficiaries. Denise has extensive experience in cases involving demand for trust accounting, trustee mismanagement, breach of fiduciary duties, removal of trustees, surcharge claims, and challenges to estate planning documents based on lack of capacity or undue influence. In her business civil litigation practice, she handles contract disputes, business fraud and tort claims, corporate and partnership disputes, unfair competition and trade secret misappropriation claims, and commercial real estate disputes, including those arising out of broker-agent relationships and commercial leasing.

She is an active leader in professional and community organizations. Denise is the current president of the Eastern Alameda County Bar Association, a member of the Litigation and Trust and Estate Sections of the State Bar of California, and a past Director and Chair of the Trial Practice Section of the Alameda County Bar Association. In addition, she holds memberships in the East Bay Trust and Estate Lawyers, Contra Costa County Bar Association, Santa Clara County Bar Association, and the Tri-Valley Estate Planning Council.

Chambliss commented, "I am grateful for the opportunity to become a shareholder at Hoge Fenton and the support the firm has shown for my trust and estate litigation practice. There is a tremendous need for high level legal services in this area, and the firm's commitment will expand its presence in the Tri-Valley and Silicon Valley as a leader in this demanding and growing field."

Managing shareholder, **Daniel W. Ballesteros**, said, "We congratulate Denise on her election to shareholder. She exemplifies what this firm is all about: finding cost-appropriate solutions to complex legal problems. Denise's leadership of our trust and estate litigation practice is another example of why Hoge Fenton is the smart alternative to 'big law.'"

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