

## EXPERIENCED ESTATE PLANNING ATTORNEY KAREN A. MECKSTROTH HAS JOINED HOGE FENTON

We are pleased to announce that experienced estate planning attorney Karen A. Meckstroth joined Hoge Fenton as Of Counsel.

Karen is a Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law as certified by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization, a distinction held by only 1 percent of California's active attorneys.

Karen was most recently in private practice in Saratoga. She was previously with the Hopkins & Carley firm in San Jose. Her practice focuses on estate planning, charitable planning, business succession planning, trust administration and probate. She creates uniquely personalized estate plans, from basic to advanced and highly complex, incorporating both tax and nontax ramifications, while also taking into account her clients' personal values and family dynamics.

Karen's services range from basic estate planning to wealth preservation through gifts of partial interests, grantor retained annuity trusts, defective grantor trusts, providing for philanthropy in family wealth planning and other sophisticated techniques. Karen is admitted to practice in the United States Tax Court.

"Karen is a wonderful addition to our team, and we are very pleased to have her on board," said Tim Maximoff, chair of Hoge Fenton's estates and trusts group. "As a Certified Specialist, she is a master of the nuances and complexities of estate and wealth planning. In addition, she has a great personal touch with her clients. We are looking forward to Karen being an integral part of the firm's growth."

Karen commented: "As estate planning attorneys, we work with clients to address some of the most sensitive aspects of a person's life – family, property, legacy and mortality. I am excited to join Hoge Fenton, whose estate and tax planning professionals navigate highly technical tax and trust law with in-depth legal skill, providing practical solutions and practicing law with genuine concern for their clients. My clients will benefit from Hoge Fenton's broad expertise in multiple areas of the law, both in their complex estate planning matters and in other aspects of their lives."

Hoge Fenton is a true multi-service law firm, with focused practitioners who can meet nearly all of our clients' needs – under one roof. Our IP lawyers are not corporate lawyers who dabble in IP - they are IP lawyers, period. Our employment lawyers are employment law experts and our family law lawyers are family law specialists. Our breadth of expertise means that one of our lawyers can simply walk down the hall and speak with other subject matter experts. If a tax issue arises in the course of a commercial real estate transaction, we've got it covered. If a real estate issue arises in the course of a merger deal, we've got it handled.

And, as a member of Mackrell International, a premier network of independent law firms in 60 countries, our reach extends around the world. This network provides our clients with access to vetted and trusted local counsel throughout the U.S. and across the globe, allowing us to seamlessly assist our clients in San Jose, California and San Jose, Costa Rica. Mackrell International has been named a Top Ranked Chambers Global Leading Law Firm Network.

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