

## VETERAN LITIGATOR KATHRYN SPELMAN JOINS HOGE FENTON

We are pleased to announce that Kathryn G. Spelman of the well-known firm Mount Spelman has joined Hoge Fenton.

Based in our Silicon Valley office, Kathryn will be able to expand the services she can offer her clients in intellectual property and business litigation matters. Her experience is a perfect fit for the high-caliber services our intellectual property practice offers.

With over 24 years of experience as a civil litigator and trial lawyer, Kathryn represents and counsels domestic and international, private and public companies and individuals in a variety of intellectual property matters, business disputes, and complex business relationships.

Her experience as a trial attorney and in private mediation and arbitration gives her a unique perspective and approach to achieving client goals. Her keen ability to apply practical judgment and strategic decision-making advances her clients' interests and achieves positive economic results.

Kathryn also remains dedicated to forwarding the needs of the community. She has served on numerous advisory groups and boards.

"Joining Hoge Fenton will allow me to better serve my clients. The ability to leverage both the strength of Hoge Fenton's IP practice and other complimentary practice areas will provide my clients a more comprehensive solution," said Kathryn. "I am thrilled to be a part of Hoge Fenton. The firm's reputation for excellence and longstanding commitment to the community makes this move a perfect match."

"With the addition of Kathryn, Hoge Fenton is able to continue building the bench strength and depth of its IP Group, especially for both Kathryn's and Hoge Fenton's international clients" said Stephanie O. Sparks, chair of firm's intellectual property group.

Daniel W. Ballesteros, managing shareholder at Hoge Fenton commented, "We are excited to welcome Kathryn to the firm. Her sophisticated litigation experience and community participation aligns seamlessly with our touchstones: commitment to our clients, excellence in the practice of law, and leadership in our community."

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Hoge Fenton is a 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.