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We are pleased to announce that  
**David S. Howard**  
has joined our firm!

*Press Release:*

**Longtime Deloitte Tax Partner  
Joins Law Firm Hoge Fenton Jones & Appel**

SAN JOSE, CA – December 1, 2009 – Hoge Fenton Jones & Appel, a leading Northern California law firm, today announced that David S. Howard, JD, CPA has joined the firm. Howard, dual licensed as a CPA and attorney for nearly 40 years, recently returned to the practice of law after completing a 20+ year career as a Tax Partner with Deloitte Tax LLP. He will be based in the firm's Silicon Valley office.

Before reaching the mandatory retirement age at Deloitte, Howard held many leadership positions and worked at developing tax strategies for large multinational corporations, Silicon Valley start-up companies, family businesses, corporate executives, and wealthy individuals. His former clients and colleagues value his wise counsel, and have encouraged Howard to continue advising them. He looks forward to being able to provide this service, as well as a broad range of additional services, from his new law firm platform.

Howard's specific areas of expertise include handling income tax controversies in all jurisdictions for large corporations to wealthy individuals; untangling domestic and international tax strategies and compensation plans which have misfired; assisting high net worth and high profile clients with sophisticated strategies to help them protect their wealth and minimize taxes on transfers; individual and business income tax planning; business succession planning, particularly for closely held and family owned companies; and acting as gatekeeper for his clients' teams of professional advisors to coordinate services and minimize duplication of efforts and cost.

"Hoge Fenton is a perfect match for me, and I am thrilled to be here," said Howard. This relationship allows me to continue in professional practice as a lawyer, and gives me the opportunity to collaborate with my valued CPA colleagues without competing with them. I'm excited about embarking on this new phase of my career."

Steven D. Siner, the firm's Managing Shareholder, added, "Dave is one of the best known and respected tax experts in Silicon Valley. Both our business clients and individual high net worth clients will benefit enormously from his deep knowledge and expertise, and we welcome him to the team."

Howard is a graduate of University of Southern California's Gould School of Law, University of Southern California's School of Policy, Planning and Development, and University of Southern California's Marshall School of Business. He is licensed to practice in all California courts, the U.S. District Court, and U.S. Tax Court. Howard is fluent in English and Spanish.



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