

ATTORNEY CATHARINE B. BAKER ELECTED TO CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY

We are pleased to announce that attorney Catharine B. Baker was sworn in on December 1 to represent District 16 in the California State Assembly. District 16 cuts a long swath through Contra Costa and Alameda Counties, from Orinda and Walnut Creek to Livermore.

Baker is a native Californian with a long history of public service. After earning her law degree from UC Berkeley School of Law, she clerked for the Honorable Alicemarie H. Stotler, U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California. She was senior legislative assistant to California Rep. Sonny Bono.

Active in professional organizations, Baker was awarded the Wiley W. Manuel Certificate for Pro Bono Legal Services by the State Bar of California. She is a member of the San Francisco Bank Attorneys Association and the State Bar of California's Financial Institutions Committee. She is also a member of the Federalist Society's San Francisco Board of Directors and Silicon Valley steering committee.

Baker also devotes time to serving her local community. She is a member of the board of directors of the Diablo Regional Arts Association in Walnut Creek and has been a leader in her children's school district, including as a member of the School Site Council. Baker is also a summer camp unit leader and certified archery instructor for local chapters of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Education issues were at the forefront of her recent campaign.

"We congratulate Catharine on this achievement and the dedication and hard work it took to win a very close election against a well-known and respected public official," said Hoge Fenton managing shareholder Daniel W. Ballesteros. "We wish her the very best in this next chapter of her life as she continues the Hoge Fenton tradition of service to the public."