

SILICON VALLEY'S
Women of INFLUENCE 2012

Publisher's Note

Welcome to our fifth annual Women of Influence special publication. In this book, we'll introduce you to 100 new faces impacting the landscape of Silicon Valley. These are the people you need to know.

Our Women of Influence are leaders in the finance, technology, health care, nonprofit and education sectors. These are leading CEOs, serial entrepreneurs, and top lawyers and venture capitalists.

We receive hundreds of nominations for this prestigious awards program, and this was no exception in year five. Our selection committee were instrumental in the difficult task of choosing these 100.

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Skadden is one of the country's largest law firms. With approximately 1,800 attorneys in 23 offices on five continents, the firm serves clients in every major financial center. Skadden has handled a wide variety of high-profile transactions, regulatory

matters and litigations for more than 60 years. The firm's clients range from startup companies to a substantial number of the 500 largest U.S. corporations and many leading global companies.

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Boards/volunteer: National Advisory board member of the Women In Law Empowerment Forum, a national nonprofit that provides educational and networking opportunities for women in law firms; founder, Skadden's Bay Area Women's Initiative, which provides career development and networking opportunities for the firm's Palo Alto-based women attorneys; help lead a similar firmwide program, the Skadden Women's Initiative, which fosters leadership skills and career development opportunities for the firm's women attorneys; member, Skadden's Diversity Committee and Palo Alto Hiring Committee

First job: In high school, I was a veterinary assistant. I loved helping animals, but found it emotionally wrenching to see them in pain or distress.

Proudest achievement: I'm not all that inclined to look back on specific achievements, rather I consider the work I do on

a daily basis for my clients to be a series of ongoing achievements and a great source of satisfaction. I feel successful when I help people realize their business goals and resolve their most pressing legal issues. This feeling of success is compounded by the fact that some of my clients have become close personal friends. My job allows me to resolve complex legal issues for people who want to do the right thing. Coming up with the right answer, the right strategies, for my clients and friends — that offers a true sense of achievement.

Biggest whoops: I'm sure I've made mistakes along the way, but I'm not one to focus on them. Many lawyers' biggest fears might involve a verbal misstep in trial or missing a major filing deadline. Thankfully, nothing like that has happened to me.

Something that would surprise others: For many years, my sister and I have been writing a collection of risqué limericks, jokes, poetry and other off-color musings. We eventually plan to publish our collection under pseudonyms. We've been working on this book since college when we used to write dirty jokes for fun, trying to one-up each other. We have some pretty hilarious stuff in there.

After hours, where would we find you? Working out at the track with friends, spending time with my yellow lab, Penelope, or hanging out with my husband, Jeff.

Five-year goal: In five years, I hope to be doing what I'm doing now: serving as a trusted adviser to my clients and friends and handling important litigations for some of the country's most interesting companies.

If you weren't in your career, what would you be doing? I'd either be a personal fitness trainer or running an animal rescue organization. Or perhaps both.

Tech gadget you can't live without: My Garmin Fore-runner

Business hero: I'm not sure he qualifies strictly as a business hero, but Stephen Sondheim's creative brilliance has always intrigued and inspired me.