



**RENEE J. NORDSTRAND**  
**Deborah Talmage Attorney of the Year Award**  
**December 2014**

*WHEREAS, every year, Santa Barbara Women Lawyers honors one attorney who is dedicated to the advancement and success of women; who mentors her colleagues and other women; who personifies professional excellence and a commitment to the highest level of ethics; who has shown a commitment to the community; and who has achieved professional excellence; and*

*WHEREAS, we are pleased to announce **Renee J. Nordstrand** as this year's recipient of the **Deborah Talmage Attorney of the Year Award**; and*

*WHEREAS, since **Renee** was sworn-in to the California State Bar, **Ms. Nordstrand** has been a constant presence in our legal community. She promptly joined Consumer Attorneys of California, followed closely by Santa Barbara Women Lawyers, and has been a contributing member of multiple other legal organizations; and*

*WHEREAS, **Ms. Nordstrand** has anchored mentoring circles since 2000, and opened up a third circle this year. From 1998 to 2011, **Ms. Nordstrand** initiated the evaluation and establishment of the Children's Waiting Room at the Santa Barbara Courthouse, following the project through to completion; and*

*WHEREAS, **Ms. Nordstrand** served on the Santa Barbara Women Lawyer's Board of Directors for several years, and is responsible for many improvements in our organization. Santa Barbara Women Lawyers want to thank **Ms. Nordstrand** for her dedication to the local legal community and her continued service to the Santa Barbara community.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, **HELENE SCHNEIDER**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby honor and recognize **RENEE J. NORDSTRAND**, as recipient of the **Deborah Talmage Attorney of the Year Award**.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed to this 8th day of December, 2014.*



**HELENE SCHNEIDER**  
Mayor