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**JENNIFER DIZON NAMED AS ONE OF
SILICON VALLEY'S WOMEN OF INFLUENCE**

San Francisco and San Jose, CA, March 16, 2009- Hood & Strong LLP is pleased to announce that Jennifer Dizon, an audit & advisory partner with the firm, has been named as one of 100 Women of Influence in Silicon Valley by the Silicon Valley/San Jose Business Journal. In addition to being featured in the publication there will be a private reception and award dinner on March 18th at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose.

Jennifer was honored not only on being at the top of her professional game as an audit and advisory partner in the San Jose office of Hood & Strong but also for her active involvement in the community through her noteworthy service to several non-profits and civic organizations.

Robert J. Raffo, Managing Partner of Hood & Strong, offered his congratulations on behalf of the firm saying, "Jennifer typifies the community minded spirit of the people in our firm. It is an honor to have Jennifer as a partner and we are all proud of her and the recognition she has received."

With over 18 years of accounting experience, Jennifer is responsible for overseeing audit, accounting and tax services to clients in the technology, start-up, construction, real estate and employee benefit market sectors. She is a member of Hood & Strong's Board of Directors, Quality Control Committee and the Commercial Industry Group. She is also the group leader of the firm's real estate practice.

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