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**SUSAN MALONE NAMED AS ONE OF THE  
BAY AREA'S TOP 150 INFLUENTIAL WOMEN IN BUSINESS**

San Francisco, CA, June 4, 2009- Hood & Strong LLP is pleased to announce that Susan N. Malone, an audit & advisory partner with the firm, has been named as one of the San Francisco Business Times' 150 Most Influential Women in Business in the Bay Area. In addition to being featured in the publication Susan joined other honorees at a gala dinner celebration on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at the San Francisco Hilton.

Susan was honored as an emerging leader in her role as an audit and advisory partner in the San Francisco office of Hood & Strong. Robert J. Raffo, Managing Partner of Hood & Strong, offered his congratulations on behalf of the firm saying, "We are proud to have Susan as a partner in our Firm. She has grown to be a strong, influential, fair and well-respected leader in both our Firm and in our community. We commend her on this recognition, which is extremely well-deserved."

With more than 20 years of experience in public accounting, Susan is responsible for planning and coordinating the execution of audit and accounting engagements, as well as coordinating additional services for clients. Susan's client involvement has been split between various not-for-profit organizations, including higher education, arts and foundations. She is the partner in charge of Hood & Strong's Audit Service Group.

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