

**HILARY C. PIERCE, Partner**

Tax and Estate Planning

## **DESCRIPTION OF PRACTICE**

Hilary Pierce focuses her practice on sophisticated estate planning and estate administration for individuals and families. She counsels clients on a broad range of complex estate planning issues including gift and generation-skipping transfer tax planning; structuring wealth transfers with grantor retained annuity trusts, irrevocable trusts, family limited partnerships and limited liability companies. She also advises on effective techniques for gifting and transferring real property. In addition, she is experienced in preparing prenuptial and marital property agreements as well as gift and estate tax returns.

Ms. Pierce counsels clients with respect to estate and trust litigation issues and has advised and assisted trustees of irrevocable trusts on a broad range of issues. Additionally, she helps clients with their philanthropic planning by creating private foundations, charitable remainder trusts and charitable lead trusts.

Prior to joining Sideman & Bancroft LLP, Ms. Pierce was a partner at Bingham McCutchen LLP in San Francisco. Before that, she practiced with Cooley Godward LLP in San Francisco and Peckham, Lobel, Casey, Prince & Tye in Boston.

## **PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Ms. Pierce is a member of the American Bar Association, the Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law Section of the San Francisco Bar Association and the San Francisco Estate Planning Council.

She is active in the community and serves on the board of Friends of the San Francisco Public Library. She also sits on the Planned Giving Committee of the San Francisco Ballet, chairs the Planned Giving Committee for Friends of the San Francisco Public Library and volunteers at Marin Country Day School.

## **ADMISSIONS**

Admitted to practice in California, Massachusetts and U.S. Tax Court.

## **EDUCATION**

B.A., Tufts University, 1991

J.D., Case Western Reserve University School of Law, 1994

