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**DEPUTY CONTROLLER MARCY JO MANDEL RECEIVES
PRESTIGIOUS TAX LAW AWARD**

John Chiang, Chair of the State Board of Equalization, today announced the Taxation Section of the California State Bar Association has honored Deputy State Controller Marcy Jo Mandel with the prestigious V. Judson Klein award for excellence in the field of tax law.

Mandel serves as Controller Steve Westly's Deputy for taxation, and is a regular voting member on behalf of the Controller at the State Board of Equalization.

"Ms. Mandel's career path is marked with success and distinction in the private sector, in academia and in public service," said BOE Chair John Chiang. "I am privileged to have a colleague with such character and expertise."

V. Judson Klein, a respected California attorney, died suddenly in 1976 leaving behind a legacy of intellect, passion for the law, and personal integrity. The State Bar's Taxation Section selects a California attorney with those qualities to receive a nonmonetary award in Klein's honor each year.

After completing a history degree at Vassar College in New York, Mandel pursued a PhD in the same field at the University of Chicago, and eventually completed her Juris Doctorate there as well. From 1981 to 1982 Mandel served as law clerk in the Fourth Circuit U.S. Appeals Court for the late Judge Francis D. Murnaghan Jr. in Baltimore. She later joined the Los Angeles firm O'Melveny & Myers LLP, where she practiced tax law until her appointment as Deputy Controller in 1998. Mandel chaired the State Bar's Taxation Section from 2001 to 2002.

She continues to be involved with legal academics today, serving as an adjunct professor and member of the Board of Advisors for Loyola Law School's Tax LL.M. program.

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects more than \$44 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

Other Board Members include Betty T. Yee of San Francisco, Acting Member, First District; Bill Leonard of Sacramento/Ontario, Second District; and Claude Parrish of Long Beach, Third District.

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