



### **James Seely**

Jim Seely is the senior attorney of Association Legal Services. He is the author of the highly acclaimed Legal Guide for Association Board Members, the definitive reference for trade and professional association leaders. He is also a regular columnist for several association publications.

Jim is a graduate of Princeton University and the School of Law at the University of California/Berkeley. He is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court and is a founding member of the Legal Section of the American Society of Association Executives and was named Associate Executive of the year in 1991 by its California chapter.

He has specialized in providing legal services to trade and professional associations for over 20 years. He has represented more than 50 associations as general counsel, advising them on issues such as the impact of state nonprofit corporation laws on governance issues, tax-exempt organization requirements, restraint of trade issues, reorganizations and mergers.

### **Susan B. Waters**

Susan B. Waters, CAE, has served as CEO for the California Society of Certified Public Accountants since July 2000. Prior to her current position, she served as Executive Director of the Massachusetts Bar Association (1993-2000). Waters began her career in 1974 as executive director of the Prince George's County, Md. Medical Society. She was executive director of the San Francisco Medical Society from 1980 to 1993. In June of 2002, She was recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Northern California Society of Association Executives. The award is one of NCSAE's highest honors and is given only in years in which there is a candidate who stands above all others.

Waters was the first woman to serve as president of the American Association of Medical Society Executives from 1988-89; she served as president of NCSAE from 1991 to 1992. Waters has been a fellow of the American Society of Association Executives

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