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National Association of Women Business Owners – Orange County selects Debbie Dickson to receive “Lifetime Achievement Award”

IRVINE, CA, MAY 20, 2016 --- **Deborah Dickson, CPA, CFF, MAFF**, President of **Smith Dickson**, a CPA firm based in Irvine, received the “*Lifetime Achievement Award*” by the National Association of Women Business Owners Orange County (NAWBO-OC), a premier organization for Orange County women business owners. The award was presented at NAWBO-OC’s 20th annual “*Remarkable Women Awards*” on Thursday, May 19 at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel in Santa Ana/OC Airport.



According to NAWBO, the annual event honors “remarkable women who have demonstrated success, leadership and passion in their chosen fields. Since 1996, NAWBO-OC’s Remarkable Women Awards has recognized local businesswomen, women business owners, and women



entrepreneurs who have dared to step out, follow their dreams, and inspire others by their commitment to what is possible.”

[Dickson](#) is an experienced CPA and expert witness, with over 25 years in the accounting profession, including over 15 years in litigation support. She is founder and president of [Smith Dickson, an Accountancy Corporation](#), an Irvine-based CPA firm specializing in litigation support services, accounting, taxation, and business consulting.

When she began her career as a CPA, Dickson was one of the few women in the profession. She began her career as an auditor for Deloitte (formerly Touche Ross) and subsequently accepted an opportunity to run the Entrepreneurial Services Division at PricewaterhouseCoopers (formerly Coopers & Lybrand). In the 1980s, she started Smith Dickson, an Accountancy Corporation.

Dickson has earned a reputation as a formidable forensic accounting expert witness and is considered a dynamic leader in her field. She has her CFF (Certified in Financial Forensics) and Master Analyst in Financial Forensics (MAFF) designations. She has worked as a forensic expert witness in State, Federal, Probate, and Family Law Courts, in arbitration services, and as a Court appointed referee.

Dickson regularly volunteers for boards and as president of groups such as the Forensic Expert Witness Association, Orange County Management Association, J. Reuben Clark Law Society, and Orange County Performing Arts Corporate Council. She also speaks before business organizations and women's groups, and for three years ran a program that counseled teenage girls to develop their abilities. She's a talented concert organist and pianist, donating her performances as a service to the arts.