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Katharine “Katie” Martin is considered a leader in corporate and securities law. A partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, she oversees some of the biggest public offerings, mergers and acquisitions in the Valley.

In 2011, she led LinkedIn’s \$352.8 billion IPO, considered the largest by an Internet company since Google. She also worked on Twitter’s \$1.8 billion IPO in 2013. She is a member of the firm’s board of directors and governing body.

She previously served as a member of the Policy Committee and as the leader of the firm’s business law department. She has been recognized among the Top 500 Leading Lawyers in America for four consecutive years.

Residence: Soquel

Education: J.D., University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law; B.A., University of California, Berkeley

Accolades: “Woman Leader in the Law” by The American Lawyer, 2014; Lawdragon’s “500 Leading Lawyers in America,” 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014; selected for inclusion in the 2007-2014 editions of Best Lawyers in America; 2007, 2008, 2012 and 2013 editions of Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business; 2007-2013 editions of Northern California Super Lawyers; one of the Daily Journal’s “Top 100 Lawyers in California” for

2011; Law360’s “Top Female Deal Maker” for 2011; The Am Law Daily’s “Dealmaker of the Week” in May 2011; California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award for Achievement in 2007; Lawdragon’s “500 Leading Dealmakers” in 2007; The Legal 500 US in 2007; Lawdragon’s “500 New Stars, New Worlds” in 2006; AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating, Martindale-Hubbell

First job: In high school, I was a clerk at Alberta’s Cards & Gifts in San Jose – I worked the register and stocked the shelves.

How did you get into your career: I’ve wanted to be a lawyer for as long as I can remember, probably since the second grade. My family lived in San Jose while I was in high school, but when my mom became the principal at Santa Cruz High, we moved to Santa Cruz and I got a job at a law firm. That exposure to the legal industry really solidified my desire to become a lawyer.

When I’m not working, I’m ... Spending time with my husband and two children, usually either at the beach or at my kids’ baseball or volleyball games.

Something about you that would surprise others: Don’t let my American accent fool you – I was born in England.

Business mentor/hero: There isn’t anyone who’s had a more significant impact



on my career and the type of lawyer that I am than Larry Sonsini.

Best advice received? To be true to myself in everything that I do.

Favorite gadget? I’d have to

say my iPhone 5, hands down.

Word that best describes you? Optimistic.

Favorite stress release? Walking along West Cliff Drive in Santa Cruz and looking at Monterey Bay.



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