



Joanne M. Garvey

Joanne M. Garvey, a partner specializing in taxation at Heller Ehrman is widely regarded as a pioneer among women in the law. The first woman elected to the California State Bar Board of Governors, she also served as the first woman president of the Bar Association of San Francisco and the Barristers Club of San Francisco. She was also the first woman partner in a downtown San Francisco law firm. Ms. Garvey is a co-founder of California Women Lawyers serving as its first chair and a founding member of the Women's Caucus of the American Bar Association. In the ABA she was a member of the Board of Governors and the second woman to serve as a State Delegate (California), and is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. She is well known for her commitment to providing legal services to the poor.