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**CHRISTINE DIEMER IGER JOINS SUNWEST BANK'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Mrs. Iger joined the board of directors of Sunwest Bank in August 2002. She is a partner in the Orange County offices of the law firm of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, a firm with 250 attorneys worldwide. She works in the firm's Government and International Trade and Policy Unit, specializing in government law, legislative advocacy and regulatory matters affecting corporate entities and other interests. Mrs. Iger is the incoming Chairman of the Orange County Business Council and she is also on the Board of Directors of the Building Industry Association, the Orange County Performing Arts Center, the Pacific Symphony Orchestra, and the Opera Pacific.

Mrs. Iger has served most of her professional career in policy development and strategic legislative positioning on federal, state and local issues involving finance, land use, transportation, environmental concerns, water, housing and business development.

"We're very excited to have Christine on our Board of Directors," said Jim Le Sieur, Sunwest Bank's CEO. "We consider her a valuable addition and know that she has much to contribute to our Bank."

Mrs. Iger previously served as CEO of the Building Industry Association in Orange County, an organization of more than 1,000 companies representing residential and commercial builders, developers and affiliated businesses. As CEO, Mrs. Iger worked closely with federal, state and local public officials on complex land use and related business issues.

Mrs. Iger is a member of the Executive Committees of the University of California, Irvine, CEO Roundtable and the UCI Foundation. She is currently on the Board of Directors of the Keith Companies (TKCI, Nasdaq) where she serves on both the audit and compensation committees.

Mrs. Iger is a recognized business leader having been highlighted in the OC Business Journal's Women in Business Awards, and listed by Orange County Metropolitan Magazine as one of the Top 25 business leaders.

Sunwest Bank, the oldest business bank founded in Orange County, is a leading provider of business banking services. Through its offices in Tustin, Newport Beach, and Anaheim, Sunwest offers innovative, customized products, plus the highest level of personal service. Sunwest Bank is also a preferred SBA lender and has online banking available through its corporate web site located at [www.sunwestbank.com](http://www.sunwestbank.com).

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