

Manatt Partner George Kieffer Confirmed as University of California Regent

LOS ANGELES, CA – May 10, 2010 – The California Senate confirmed the appointment of George Kieffer, a partner in the Los Angeles office of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, to the Board of Regents of the University of California. Kieffer, who has a nearly four-decade long record of civic and community involvement, was appointed to the post by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and will serve a 12-year term on the prestigious board.

The Board of Regents provides oversight and sets policy for the University of California's ten campuses and more than 220,000 students, three U.S. Department of Energy national laboratories, and five medical centers that support the clinical teaching programs of the University's medical and health sciences schools and handle more than three million patient visits each year. Along with Kieffer, the State Senate also confirmed former studio executive, Sherry Lansing and former Assembly member, Charlene Zettel as members of the Board of Regents.

“George has been a major leader in California's business, government and legal communities,” said Manatt Chief Executive Officer and Managing Partner William T. Quicksilver. “He has been very involved in higher education for many years. He has an extraordinary ability to bring people together.”

Kieffer is a graduate of the University of California Santa Barbara, where he served as Chair of the Board of the Alumni Association, Alumni Regent and Chair of the University's Foundation board. He is a graduate of University of California Los Angeles School of Law.

Kieffer also served as President of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges for two years, and co-founded the California Community College Foundation. He was a member of the state's Blue Ribbon Commission to Review the Master Plan for Higher Education in the 1980s, and a contributing author to *Governing Public Colleges & Universities*, Jossey-Bass, c. 1993.

“Obviously, I'm honored to be able to serve on the Board and look forward to addressing some of the critical problems facing what I believe to be the finest research university in the world,” said Kieffer.

Over the years, Kieffer has been called upon to undertake various significant civic and public assignments, including successfully chairing the commission charged with rewriting the Los Angeles City Charter. The new City Charter, the first full revision in 75 years, was adopted in 1999. In 2000, Kieffer was named by the *San Francisco Daily Journal* and the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* as one of the 100 most influential attorneys in California, and he has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2005-2009 editions. Following the events of 9/11, he was asked by Mayor James Hahn to chair the Los Angeles Economic Impact Task Force, which was charged with examining the impact of 9/11 on the Los Angeles economy and made recommendations to combat that impact and stimulate economy of Los Angeles.

He served as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce from 2003 to 2005, during a period when the organization saw both expanded membership and reach.

Kieffer lives in Brentwood with his wife, Judith. They have two sons, Geordie and Ian.