



## December 2015

Hello, everyone. With 2016 just around the corner I wanted to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a happy holiday.

We launched this newsletter in March focusing on the economic opportunities for investors and entrepreneurs in the Silicon Valley economy. For December, in keeping with the holiday season, I thought it would be appropriate to take a few minutes to focus on the importance of giving back.

I am continually amazed and delighted to hear about the charitable activities of clients and friends who devote significant time and energy to organizations that are making a difference in the communities in which we live.

As a relative newcomer to Womble Carlyle, one of the impressive things to me about the firm has been an enthusiastic commitment to providing [pro bono support](#) to a myriad of legal and community non-profits around the country.

Here in Silicon Valley, I'm proud to be a board member of [Hope Services](#) – the leading provider of services to people with developmental disabilities in the region. It's also been very gratifying to me to be able to provide pro bono support on guardianship issues to clients of [Legal Advocates for Children & Youth \(LACY\)](#) – a project of the Silicon Valley Bar Foundation.

Most of you have similar stories to tell about the joys of giving back. The holidays are a great time to celebrate the work of organizations like these and commit to helping them make a difference in the years to come.

Hoping you have a wonderful holiday and happy New Year.

All the best,

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[Womble Carlyle to Open New Raleigh Office in Charter Square](#) designed to be Platinum LEED certified for energy efficiency | Dec. 21, 2015 | Raleigh, NC

## About Womble Carlyle

[Morgan Stanley on "The New Math of Sustainable Investing"](#) (Womble Carlyle Impact Economy Blog)

[Institutional Shareholder Services \(ISS\) and Glass Lewis Issue 2016 Policy Updates](#) (by [Darryl Marsch](#) and [Rajan Singh](#), Womble Carlyle Public Company AdvisoryTeam)

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