

## **Walter T. Raineri, Director**

Walter T. Raineri is many things and no short biography would do justice to his professional, philanthropic, and adaptive sport background. He is a partner Emeritus at the law firm of Fenwick & West LLP at which he has practiced since 1987 in the areas of international taxation, multinational mergers and acquisitions, and consolidations, being admitted to the Bars of the State of California, the US Supreme Court, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, US Tax Court and several US District Courts. He is a certified public accountant (inactive) in California, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. He received his BS in Business Administration from UC Berkeley, Berkeley California, in 1982 (summa cum laude), and his JD from Georgetown University in Washington DC in 1987 (cum laude). He has been an adjunct Professor at Golden Gate University School of Law and Masters of Taxation Program, and a lecturer at UC Berkeley Haas Business School in the Master's Program and Stanford University School of Law. He has founded 4 for profit companies one of which Ariat International, Inc. is a leader in equestrian footwear and personal wear industries internationally. His philanthropic passion to help those with physical limitations (especially the visually impaired), stems from himself going blind due to a rare eye disease over a decade ago and realizing the challenges those with physical limitations face each day. He is, or has been, on the board of directors/Trustees of and / or a volunteer helping over two dozen non-profit organizations focused on supporting the visually impaired community, and has worked on dozens of pro bono projects for non-profit organizations.