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## Profile

Holm

First Name

Kappler

Last Name

Full/Legal Name (if different than name provided above)

Email Address

## Voter Registration Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

City

State

Postal Code

## Mailing Address (if different than Voter Registration or Street address)

Home:

Primary Phone

Home:

Alternate Phone

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## Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Mendocino Historical Review Board: Submitted

Member

Which position, seat, or representational category would you prefer?

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## Availability to Attend Meetings

None Selected

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Availability to Attend Meetings (Other)

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## Interests & Experiences

### Special Expertise, Experience, or Interest in This Area?

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I've lived in Mendocino for 14 years and have restored a Victorian home in the village. I am very interested in maintaining the beauty, livability and history of our town.

Upload a Resume

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Upload Additional Supporting Documents

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## Certification

Please read the following statements and indicate your acceptance thereof.

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I hereby certify that I am a registered voter in the State of California, County of Mendocino, a citizen of the United States, and will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the next election. I am not imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony. I certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the information on this application is true and correct. I understand that assuming this public responsibility could result in public knowledge of my background and/or qualifications, including financial interests. Applications will be kept on file for one year.

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☒ I Agree \*

# HOLM J. KAPPLER

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## Experience

- ❑ Holm J. Kappler is a consultant and attorney specializing in customs and international trade law.
- ❑ Mr. Kappler most recently assisted the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) with the updating and harmonizing of the ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) for 2012, on the basis of the 2012 version of the World Customs Organization's Harmonized System. The 2012 (current) version of the AHTN, which was the culmination of that collaborative effort, reflects the highest standards of international customs and trade nomenclature and is a substantially simplified, streamlined and harmonized product which is simplifying and easing import and export transactions into and from ASEAN member countries.
- ❑ He provided similar assistance to ASEAN with regard to the 2007 version of the AHTN. In that connection he provided expertise, guidance and training to senior ASEAN and ASEAN member administration customs officers over an 18-month period.
- ❑ Until January 2004, Mr. Kappler was Director of Tariff & Trade Affairs at the World Customs Organization (WCO) in Brussels, Belgium. He was elected to this position by the Customs Directors General at the June 1998 WCO Council Sessions in Marrakech, Morocco. The World Customs Organization is a 180 member-country independent intergovernmental body whose mission is to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of customs administrations world wide. Mr. Kappler's Directorate was responsible for tariff nomenclature (Harmonized System), customs valuation and rules of origin. In this connection, Mr. Kappler was responsible for the introduction of the 2002 version of the Harmonized System (including its Explanatory Notes), and oversaw a major review of the Harmonized System and the WCO's contribution to the international implementation of the WTO Valuation Agreement by developing countries.
- ❑ Prior to assuming his WCO position, Mr. Kappler served as the Chief of Staff to the

Commissioner of the US Customs Service. At the time, US Customs was an organization of over 20,000 employees responsible for enforcing hundreds of laws and international agreements that protect the American people. US Customs collects over \$20 billion annually in revenue from US imports, and protects the US borders against illegal importations of narcotics and other contraband. In addition to managing the activities and staff of the Office of the Commissioner, Mr. Kappler serves as a senior advisor and counselor to the Commissioner with respect to all aspects of customs work.

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- Mr. Kappler has an extensive background in tariff and trade policy. After beginning his career as an import specialist at the US Customs Port of San Francisco he worked as a customs and trade attorney for both the US Customs Service and the US International Trade Commission (USITC). As Deputy Director of the Office of Tariff Affairs & Trade Agreements at the USITC Mr. Kappler was the author of extensive studies, legislation and presidential proclamations implementing the Harmonized System in the United States. The Harmonized System provides the basis for the US Customs tariff and the US export schedule, which in turn form the foundation for most commercial customs import and export programs and all US international trade data programs.
  - Working for the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) in Geneva, Mr. Kappler represented the United States as the chief technical representative in the GATT negotiations leading to the international implementation of the Harmonized System. Mr. Kappler has over 20 years of experience in representing the United States before various committees of the WCO, including, the Harmonized System Committee and the Technical Committee on Rules of Origin, for which he was elected Vice-Chairman at its first session.
  - Mr. Kappler also served as Deputy Director (Nomenclature & Classification Directorate) at the World Customs Organization. In that position he was responsible for administering and nurturing the international implementation of the Harmonized System during its formative years. In that connection, he represented the WCO in numerous international organizations and conducted training programs, seminars and symposia for the WCO in many parts of the world.

## Technical Assistance

- During his two tours of duty at the WCO Mr. Kappler organized, led and taught many

WCO seminars and workshops on the Harmonized System, customs laboratories, customs infrastructure and customs valuation, including programs in:

Azerbaijan	Japan	Peru
Brazil	Jordan	Philippines
China	Kenya	Russia
Egypt	Malaysia	Sri Lanka
Ghana	Maldives	Thailand
Iran	Mexico	Uganda

- Since retiring from the WCO, working as a consultant, Mr. Kappler has also organized, led and taught many HS seminars and workshops in:

Azerbaijan   Costa Rica   Philippines   Thailand   Brunei   Vietnam   Laos

## Recent Publications

- Reversing the trend: low cost and low risk methods for assuring proper duty payments  
– World Customs Journal – Vol. 5 No. 2

## Education

- San Francisco State University  
*Bachelor of Arts, 1966*
- University of San Francisco School of Law  
*Juris Doctor, 1969*

## Professional Affiliation

- Member California State Bar
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