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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

ASSOCIATION OF DEPUTY DISTRICT  
ATTORNEYS FOR LOS ANGELES  
COUNTY (ADDA),

Petitioner,

v.

GEORGE GASCÓN, LOS ANGELES  
COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY; LOS  
ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT  
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE; COUNTY OF  
LOS ANGELES; DOES 1 through 50,  
inclusive,

Respondents.

Case No. 21STCP03412

**DECLARATION OF MICHELE  
HANISEE IN SUPPORT OF  
PETITIONER'S POINTS AND  
AUTHORITIES IN REPLY TO  
RESPONDENTS' OPPOSITION  
TO OSC RE: PRELIMINARY  
INJUNCTION AND EXHIBITS  
THERE TO**

Date: November 10, 2021  
Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Place: Dept. 86

**DECLARATION OF MICHELE HANISEE**

I, Michele Hanisee, declare as follows:

1. I am the President of the Association of Deputy District Attorneys, the Petitioner in the instant case.

2. I am employed as a Deputy District Attorney for the County of Los Angeles and have been so employed since July of 1998.

3. I am a Grade IV Deputy District Attorney.

4. I am presently assigned to the Major Crimes Division where I handle complex murders and high profile cases. My past assignments include the Hardcore Gang Division and the Victim Impact Prosecutions where I handled sex crimes and child molestation cases.

5. I have tried 117 jury trials of which 47 were murder trials.

6. I authored the California Gang Law Manual that is used by police and prosecutors statewide.

7. I train prosecutors statewide on gang law and capital case law.

8. I am familiar with the policies and procedures of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

9. I am familiar with the internal computerized resources of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office which are accessible to all employees.

10. A General Office Memorandum, or "GOM" is a memorandum issued by the LADA's office. A GOM can be on nearly any topic, but is distinguished from a memorandum called a Special Directive. A Special Directive is a change in legal policy which must be followed. All other office-wide announcements are typically made through a GOM.

11. GOMs can cover topics such as the death of an employee, training opportunities, hiring opportunities, benefits, updates, legislative updates, holiday events, etc. GOM's are distributed to all employees via official work email.

12. A library of past GOMs is maintained on the LADANET, which is the internal website of the Los Angeles County District Attorney. Numerous documents, manuals, resources and links are available to District Attorney employees on the LADANET. The LADANET

1 includes a library of past GOMs from 2005 to present. I have reviewed all GOMs from 2005 to  
2 present that were announcements of new DDA Grade I hires. In approximately ten of those  
3 GOMs I observed that the new Grade I hires included persons whose prior employment as an  
4 attorney was with the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office or Los Angeles County  
5 Counsel's Office. True and correct copies of some of the GOMs are attached hereto, marked as  
6 Exhibit "A", and incorporated herein, which I have highlighted for the Court's benefit. I have  
7 not presented all of the GOMs to the Court to avoid a cumulative presentation.

8 13. It is the practice of the Los Angeles County District Attorney to hire new deputy  
9 district attorneys in groups or "classes." Each class of new hires then undergoes several weeks  
10 of training as a group before receiving their first assignment.

11 14. When a new class of Deputy District Attorneys is hired by the office, a GOM is  
12 always issued with the names of the new hires and a brief description of their individual  
13 background and experience.

14 15. The Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office and Los Angeles County  
15 Counsel's Office are two different Departments of the County of Los Angeles.

16 16. Prior to the present administration, I do not recall ever seeing a GOM announcing  
17 that an attorney was hired by the LADA as a Grade II, III or IV deputy district attorney.

18 I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct.

19 Sworn this 2nd day of November, 2021 at Los Angeles, California.

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Exhibit "A"

GENERAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM 05-44

TO: ALL DISTRICT ATTORNEY PERSONNEL

FROM: *SUC* STEVE COOLEY  
District Attorney

SUBJECT: NEW DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY EMPLOYEES

DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2005

I am pleased to announce the following Deputy District Attorneys who joined our office on September 16, 2005:

**EMILY ALLARDYCE**

Emily graduated from Southwestern University School of Law in 2004. She was a certified law student with our Preliminary Hearing Unit. Emily also worked for the Honorable Lawrence D. Rubin (California Court of Appeal) and the Honorable Paul Boland (California Court of Appeal) as a law clerk.

**ARMENUI (AMY) ASHVANIAN**

Amy graduated from Glendale University College of Law in 2004. She comes to us from the Law Offices of Vartkes Yeghiayan where she worked as a paralegal. Amy was a certified law student with our Automobile Insurance Fraud Division.

**JENNIFER BAINBRIDGE**

Jennifer graduated from Loyola Law School in 2002. She comes to us from the Honolulu Prosecutor's Office where she worked as deputy prosecuting attorney. Jennifer worked as a judicial extern and judicial law clerk for the Honorable Marie N. Milks in Hawaii. Jennifer worked as a law clerk with Pond, North & Hugo and Protection & Advocacy, Inc. She was also a certified law student with our Long Beach Branch Office.

**ANDREW BARRAS**

Andrew graduated from Boston University School of Law in 2003. He comes to us from the Los Angeles County Superior Court where he worked as a research attorney. Andrew was also an associate for Testa, Hurwitz & Thibeault.

## **TONY CHO**

Tony graduated from George Washington University School of Law in 2001. He was a certified law student with our Preliminary Hearing Unit and a volunteer law student with our Justice System Integrity Division. Tony comes to us from TM Claims Service, Inc. where he worked as an attorney in the Product Liability Department.

## **ANGIE CHRISTIDES**

Angie graduated from Loyola Law School in 2003. She was a certified law student with our Long Beach Branch Office and a volunteer law student with our Torrance Branch Office. She worked in private practice as a criminal defense attorney for Robert Miller & Associates and the Law Office of Glew & Kim. Angie comes to us from Guy Sanders, Attorneys & Counselors at Law where she handled both civil and criminal cases.

## **ROCHELLE COLLINS**

Rochelle graduated from the University of Southern California School of Law in 1999. She comes to us from Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher where she worked as an attorney handling civil litigation. She was also a research attorney for the Alameda County Superior Court. Rochelle previously worked as a dispatcher for the Fremont Fire Department.

## **ROBERT DUFOUR**

Robert graduated from Vanderbilt University Law School in 2004. He worked for the University of Colorado Police as a campus safety officer, the Colorado State Senate as a legislative aide, and the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office (Colorado) as an advocate for victims of domestic violence. He handled criminal cases as a student attorney with the Vanderbilt University Legal Clinic. Robert also served as an extern for the legal office of Governor Phil Bredesen (Tennessee).

## **DANIEL FELIZZATO**

Daniel graduated from the University of California at Davis School of Law in 1999. He worked as appellate counsel for Crime Victims United of California, deputy legislative secretary for Governor Gray Davis, and legislative director for Assemblyman Robert Pacheco. Daniel had been working as a Senior Law Clerk with our Office analyzing legislation and budget issues.

## **JOSE GONZALEZ**

Jose graduated from the University of Maryland School of Law in 2002. He comes to us from Procter, McCarthy & Slaughter where he worked as an associate in civil litigation. Jose also worked as a staff attorney and law clerk with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

**SCOTT HANLEY**

Scott graduated from McGeorge School of Law in 1986. Scott comes to us from the Federal Bureau of Investigation where he worked as a special agent. He was also employed as a police officer with the Chicago Police Department and a special agent with the Department of Interior (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service). He served in the U.S. Army, 18<sup>th</sup> Airborne Corps as a first lieutenant and captain.

**CHRISTINE KEE**

Christine graduated from Southwestern University School of Law in 2000. She was a certified law student with our Preliminary Hearing Unit and with the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office. Christine also worked as a paralegal and director of information services for Day Casebeer Madrid & Batchelder.

**EILEEN KIM**

Eileen graduated from Loyola Law School in 2004. She was a certified law student with the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office. She also worked as an extern for Dependency Court Legal Services. Eileen comes to us from the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office where she worked as a student professional worker.

**JUDY KIM**

Judy graduated from Loyola Law School in 2001. She was a certified law student assigned to our Lynwood Area Office. Judy also worked as a law clerk for the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office and as an extern for the Honorable Emilie Elias (L.A. County Superior Court) and the Honorable Cary Nishimoto (L.A. County Superior Court). She comes to us from Gardena Cinema where she worked as in-house counsel.

**BERNIE LAFORTEZA**

Bernie graduated from Hastings College of Law in 1990. He comes to us from the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office where he worked as a deputy public defender. Bernie also worked in private practice as a civil litigator. He is a member of the U.S. Army Reserve assigned as a captain to the Judge Advocate General's Corps.

**FELICIA NGUYEN**

Felicia graduated from Loyola Law School in 1999. She comes to us from the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office where she worked as a deputy city attorney. Felicia also worked at the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles and the Public Law Center as an attorney.

### **TIEN PHAM**

Tien graduated from Suffolk University Law School in 2002. She was a volunteer law student with our Hardcore Gang Division. Tien worked as a certified law intern with the Dade County Public Defender's Office and as a legal intern with the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. She comes to us from the Orange County Public Defender's Office where she worked as a deputy public defender.

### **THUY PHAM**

Thuy graduated from Washburn School of Law in 1996. He comes to us from the Kern County Public Defender's Office where he worked as a deputy public defender. Thuy also worked as an attorney for the Contra Costa Criminal Conflicts Panel and the Law Offices of Anthony Ashe.

### **JOHN POMEROY**

John graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles School of Law in 2001. He worked as a law clerk with the California Attorney General's Office and as a research assistant at U.C.L.A. School of Law. John comes to us from Hahn & Hahn where he worked as an associate handling civil matters.

### **ASHLEY ROSEN**

Ashley graduated from Loyola Law School in 2003. She worked as a volunteer law student with our Hardcore Gang Division and as a certified law student with our Preliminary Hearing Unit. She worked as an extern for the United States Attorney's Office, Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, and the Honorable Stephen J. Hillman (U.S. District Court, Central District (California)). Ashley comes to us from the Federal Bureau of Investigation where she worked as an intelligence operations specialist.

### **JENNIFER VARGAS**

Jennifer graduated from Loyola Law School in 2000. She comes to us from Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi where she worked as an associate handling civil litigation. Jennifer also worked as an associate with Brown, Winfield & Canzoneri where she worked as an advisor to municipalities and handled civil litigation.

### **MIJI VELLAKATTEL**

Miji graduated from Whittier Law School in 2004. He comes to us from Gilbert, Kelly, Crowley & Jennett where he worked as an associate handling civil matters. Miji also worked as an account coordinator for Custom Enterprises, Inc. and as an instructor for the Princeton Review.



**PAUL WALL**

Paul graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles School of Law in 2004. He worked as a volunteer law student with our Target Crimes Division and as an extern for the United States Attorney's Office. Paul comes to us from the Law Offices of Richard G. Reinjohn where he worked as an associate handling civil litigation.

**SUETCHING (ELIZABETH) YU**

Elizabeth graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law in 2000. She comes to us from HSBC, Wealth & Tax Advisory where she worked as an associate handling legal and tax issues. Elizabeth was a teaching assistant at U.S.C. Business School and a research assistant at U.N.C. Civil Legal Clinic.

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**GENERAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM 06-19**

TO: ALL DISTRICT ATTORNEY PERSONNEL

FROM:  STEVE COOLEY  
District Attorney

SUBJECT: **NEW DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY I EMPLOYEES**

DATE: APRIL 14, 2006

I am pleased to announce the following Deputy District Attorneys who joined our office on April 14, 2006:

**STEFANA ANTONESCU**

Stefana graduated from Southwestern University School of Law in 2005. She worked as a law clerk with our Hardcore Gang Division and with the Law Offices of Lynn Soodik.

**CHRISTOPHER BAKER**

Christopher graduated from Pepperdine University School of Law in 2005. He comes to us from the Riverside County District Attorney's Office. Christopher was a volunteer law student with CT-15, Major Crimes, and Hardcore Gang Divisions. He was also a certified law student with our Preliminary Hearing Unit. Christopher worked as a law clerk for Girardi & Keese and the Law Offices of Robert J. Allen & Associates, as a judicial extern for the Honorable Consuelo B. Marshall of the United States District Court (Central District of California) and as a legal research assistant at Pepperdine University.

**ROBERT BRITTON**

Robert graduated from Loyola Law School in 2005. Robert was a volunteer and certified law student with our Los Padrinos Juvenile and Pomona Branch Offices. He was a volunteer student worker with our Ad Hoc Rampart Division. He also volunteered with Broad Spectrum assisting in income tax preparation while attending law school. Most recently Robert was a Senior Law Clerk for the Bureau of Branch and Area Operations, Region II.

**MATTHEW BROWN**

Matthew graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles School of Law in 2005. He was a volunteer law student with our Major Crimes Division. Matthew also worked as a volunteer law student with the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office.

## **CHRISTOPHER CURTIS**

Christopher graduated from Georgetown University Law Center in 2004. He comes to us from Winston & Strawn where he worked as a contract attorney. Christopher worked as a law clerk for the Law Offices of Ramsey & Price, the National Association of Securities Dealers, and Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton.

## **PALLAVI DHAWAN**

Pallavi graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles School of Law in 2005. She worked as a volunteer law student with our Family Violence Division. In addition, Pallavi was a law clerk with Trope & Trope handling family law issues and a graduate legal research assistant at UCLA School of Law.

## **RYAN DIBBLE**

Ryan graduated from the University of Southern California School of Law in 2005. He worked as a volunteer law student with our Hardcore Gang Division. Ryan also worked as a volunteer law clerk with the United States Attorney's Office's Transactional and Major Crimes Section in Washington D.C. He was a summer associate with Greenberg Traurig researching corporate legal issues.

## **JODI GLIKSMAN**

Jodi graduated from Loyola Law School in 2005. She comes to us from Bonne, Bridges, Mueller O'Keefe & Nichols where she worked as an associate attorney. Jodi also worked as a contract attorney with Michelman & Robinson. She was a certified law student with our Van Nuys Branch Office and a volunteer law clerk with the Neighborhood Legal Services, Domestic Violence Clinic. She worked as a law clerk for Reder & Feig assisting in entertainment law related projects.

## **DANETTE GOMEZ**

Danette graduated from Whittier Law School in 2005. She worked as a certified law student with the Law Offices of Denise Schleicher assisting in juvenile delinquency matters and with the Law Offices of Harold LaFlamme assisting in juvenile dependency and family law matters. Danette was a judicial extern for the Honorable Warren Ferguson of the United States Court of Appeals (Ninth Circuit). She also worked as a law clerk with Adams ESQ handling civil litigation matters. She comes to us from the Law Offices of Harold LaFlamme where she worked as a contract attorney handling juvenile dependency matters.

## **DELANEE HICKS**

Delanee graduated from Howard University School of Law in 2003. She comes to us from the Law Office of Terrence Roden where she worked as an associate handling federal and state criminal cases. Delanee also worked as a law clerk with Keller and Heckman. She was a volunteer law student with CT-15 as well as a volunteer law clerk for the Honorable Rhonda

Winston of the District of Columbia Superior Court and Bread for the City (Washington D.C.). She also worked as a legal research assistant at Howard University.

### **LARRY HOLCOMB**

Larry graduated from Loyola Law School in 2000. He comes to us from Russakow, Ryan & Johnson where he worked as an associate attorney handling civil litigation. Larry also worked as a law clerk for the Honorable Conrad Aragon, the Honorable Peter Meeka, and the Honorable Dan Oki of the Los Angeles Superior Court. He served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Robert Takasugi of the United States District Court (Central District of California). Larry was a volunteer law student with our Torrance Branch Office. He was a Captain in the United States Army and served 13 years, including service in Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

### **KEITH KOYANO**

Keith graduated from Southwestern University School of Law in 2004. He worked as a volunteer law student with our Hardcore Gang Division and a certified law student with our Torrance Branch Office. Keith comes to us from private practice where he handled criminal cases.

### **JULIE KRAMER**

Julie graduated from Loyola Law School in 2005. She worked as a certified law student with our Family Violence Division, Complaints Division, and Preliminary Hearing Unit. Julie was a judicial extern for the Honorable Bernard J. Kamins of the Los Angeles Superior Court. She was a volunteer with Broad Spectrum assisting in income tax preparation while attending law school.

### **LALIT KUNDANI**

Lalit graduated from the University of California at Berkeley School of Law, Boalt Hall, in 2005. He comes to us from Stroock & Stroock & Lavan where he worked as an associate handling civil litigation matters. He was a judicial extern for the Honorable Richard A. Paez of the United States Court of Appeals (Ninth Circuit). Lalit also served as an intern for the Chief of Staff to the Honorable Gray Davis and for the Orange County Public Defender's Office.

### **BARBARA LUBIN**

Barbara graduated from Washington University School of Law in 2005. She was a volunteer law clerk with the St. Louis City Court. Barbara was a volunteer law student with our Hardcore Gang Division. She also worked as a judicial extern for the Honorable William D. Stiehl of the United States District Court (Southern District of Illinois).

### **SCOTT MARCUS**

Scott graduated from Georgetown University Law Center in 1996. He comes to us from Sidley Austin where he worked as a senior associate handling civil litigation. Scott volunteered with the Anaheim City Attorney's Office where he handled misdemeanor trials as part of the Trial Advocacy Project.

## **MARK MATTHEWS**

Mark graduated from Loyola Law School in 2004. He worked as a judicial assistant with the Los Angeles Superior Court for 13 years supervising courtroom operations. Mark was a law clerk for the Law Offices of Chapman, Glucksman & Dean and for Timothy B. Sottile.

## **CARMELIA MEJIA**

Carmelia graduated from Loyola Law School in 2004. She was a volunteer law student with our Sex Crimes Division. She also worked as an intern for Scott Jarvis & Associates researching family law and conservatorship issues. Carmelia comes to us from the Los Angeles Police Department where she worked as a police service representative.

## **ANTONELLA NISTORESCU**

Antonella graduated from the University of Southern California School of Law in 2001. She comes to us from Buchalter Nemer where she was an associate handling civil litigation. Antonella was an intern with the United States Attorney's Office (Central District of California) and a volunteer law clerk with Public Counsel. She also worked as a certified law student with our Preliminary Hearing Unit.

## **LEE ORQUIOLA**

Lee graduated from Southwestern University School of Law in 2004. He worked as a volunteer and certified law student with our Long Beach Branch Office. Lee comes to us from Reback, McAndrews & Kjar where he handled medical malpractice actions.

## **CARON PESCATORE**

Caron graduated from Nova Southeastern University Law Center in 2001. She worked as an intern for Dummit, Faber, Briegleb & Diamond and as a law clerk for McIntosh, Sawran, Peltz & Cartaya handling research for civil matters. Caron was in private practice handling civil matters and later worked for the **Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office**.

## **SAMANTHA SADINSKY**

Samantha graduated from Tulane Law School in 2005. She was a certified law student with our Van Nuys Branch Office. Samantha worked as a legal research assistant at Tulane Law School. She worked as an intern for Orange County Council and as a law clerk for the Law Office of Victor L. Gammill.

## **MARISOL SANCHEZ**

Marisol graduated from Loyola Law School in 2005. She worked as a certified law student with the United States Attorney's Office (Eastern District of California). Marisol was a judicial extern for the Honorable Manuel L. Real of the United States District Court (Central District of California). She also served as a law clerk for Riordan & McKinzie and the Los Angeles City

Attorney's Office. Marisol comes to us from the Sanchez Family Corporation where her responsibilities included assisting in the preparation of worker's compensation and customer liability cases.

### **DAMARE THERIOT**

Damare graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles School of Law in 2002. She comes to us from the Fresno County District Attorney's Office where she worked as a prosecutor. Damare was a certified law student with our Hardcore Gang and Sex Crimes Divisions. She also worked as a certified law student with the United States Attorney's Office.


### **MICHELLE WOOD**

Michelle graduated from Loyola Law School in 2002. She was a certified law student with our Pasadena Branch Office. She also volunteered at the Los Angeles Center for Law & Justice. Michelle worked as an associate with the Law Office of Raul Gomez as an associate attorney handling civil matters. She also worked as a law clerk and attorney with Ourfalian & Ourfalian handling civil matters.

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**GENERAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM 08-22**

TO: ALL DISTRICT ATTORNEY PERSONNEL

FROM:  STEVE COOLEY  
District Attorney

SUBJECT: **AMENDED NEW DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY I**

DATE: APRIL 4, 2008

I am pleased to announce the following Deputy District Attorneys who joined our office today:

**PATRICK BALL**

Patrick graduated from Pepperdine University School of Law in 2006. Patrick was a senior law clerk for our office in the Target Crimes Division - Crimes Against Peace Officers Section. He was also a law clerk for almost two years at Gilbert, Kelly, Crowley & Jennett. Patrick was a judicial extern for the Honorable Dale S. Fischer of the United States District Court in Los Angeles.

**SARAH BALLOG**

Sarah graduated from Pepperdine University School of Law in 2006. Sarah was a senior law clerk as well as a law clerk for our office in the Sex Crimes Division. She worked as a certified law clerk for the Orange County District Attorney's Office in their Family Protection Unit. In addition, Sarah was a legal assistant for Sullivan and Ballog. Her non-legal experience includes working as a marketing intern for Priority Sports and Entertainment where Sarah worked one on one with sports agents and marketing executives with player relations, marketing projects and the 2003 NBA and NFL drafts.

**LINDA BRADLYN**

Linda graduated from Southwestern Law School in 2007. Linda was a senior law clerk in our Appellate Division as well as a volunteer law clerk in CT-15, Central Trials Preliminary Hearing Unit and the Airport Branch Office. She served as a volunteer with the Harriet Buhai Center for Family Law and the Hurricane Katrina Relief Legal Clinic. In addition, Linda worked as a rape crisis advocate with the Valley Trauma Center in Van Nuys and as a researcher with the Transition to Adulthood of Youth with Medical Conditions at California State University, Northridge.

### **COLBY CANO**

Colby graduated from University of California, Los Angeles School of Law in 2007. After he passed the bar, he was a law clerk for Girardi & Keese. Colby was a certified law clerk for our office in the Preliminary Hearing Unit. He was also a summer law clerk in the Major Crimes Division. In addition, Colby was a judicial extern for Honorable Richard D. Fybel of the California Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division Three and a legislative intern for State Senator Tom Torlakson in Sacramento.

### **JOHN CHANG**

John graduated from Loyola Law School in 2006. He comes to us from Providus Group where he was a contract attorney. John was a certified law clerk for our office in the Preliminary Hearing Unit as well as a volunteer law clerk in our Family Violence Division. In addition, John was a law clerk for the Adams and Martin Group, Maurice Rozner Esq. and David Dudley, Esq.

### **ELIZABETH DICKINSON**

Elizabeth graduated from Loyola Law School in 2006. She comes to us from Larson and Associates where she was an associate attorney. Elizabeth was a certified law clerk for our office in our Pasadena Branch where she conducted preliminary hearings. She was also an LSAT teacher for Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions.

### **SCOTT DOMINGUEZ**

Scott graduated from University of California, Los Angeles School of Law in 2003. He comes to us from the County Counsel's Office where he was a Deputy County Counsel for a little over two years. While with the **County Counsel's Office**, Scott was a trial attorney assigned to handle dependency cases and managed a caseload of approximately 260 active cases. Scott was also a pro bono attorney for Public Counsel. He was an associate attorney and summer associate for Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold. In addition, Scott clerked for Kabateck & Kropff, Girardi & Keese and was a Los Angeles Superior Court extern for two summers.

### **RICHARD DREILING**

Richard graduated from Loyola Law School in 2007. He was a law clerk for Fox Rothschild where he participated in a disability discrimination trial. Richard was a certified law clerk for our office in our Torrance Branch and Central Preliminary Hearing Unit where he conducted preliminary hearings and researched and drafted various motions.

### **PAOLA ESTANISLAO**

Paola graduated from Santa Clara University School of Law in 2007. She comes to us from the **San Mateo County District Attorney's Office** where she was a Deputy District Attorney. Paola also clerked for the San Mateo District Attorney's Office for a summer as well as after the bar exam. In addition, she was a law clerk for McManis, Faulkner & Morgan.

### **STEVEN GATES**

Steven graduated from Loyola Law School in 2007. He was a law clerk for Nelson Griffin where he handled various stages of civil litigation. Steven was also a certified law clerk in our Compton & Torrance Branch offices where he conducted preliminary hearings and juvenile adjudications. In addition, Steven was a certified law clerk for Community Legal Services in Norwalk where he conducted client interviews and worked in the Domestic Violence Clinic in



the Norwalk Superior Courthouse. For eight years, Steven was a reserve soldier for the United States Army Reserve. Steven also completed a seven month police academy training for the Alameda Police Department.

### **JESSICA HITT**

Jessica graduated from University of California, Los Angeles School of Law in 2007. She was a volunteer law clerk for our office in the Real Estate Fraud Unit. Jessica was also a summer associate for Squire, Sanders & Dempsey where she drafted memoranda and conducted research. Her non-legal experience includes teaching at the Urban Minorities Research Project as well as being a literacy tutor for America Reads.

### **SHADI KARDAN**

Shadi graduated from New England School of Law in 2003. Shadi worked for the Suffolk County District Attorney's office for three years where she was an Assistant District Attorney. **While with the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office,** she conducted all stages of criminal prosecution including legal research, arraignments, pre-trial conferences, evidentiary motions, bench trials, jury trials, grand jury investigations, sexual assault network interviews, competency hearings and interlocutory appeals in the Boston Juvenile & Municipal court as well as the Suffolk Superior Court.

### **KELLY KELLEY**

Kelly graduated from Seattle University School of Law in 2007. She was a law clerk for the Law and Mediation Offices of Pauline Rosen as well as the Law Offices of Moberly & Roberts where she assisted in criminal case review and preparation.

### **CHRISTINA KOTSIOVOS VALASKANTJIS**

Christina graduated from Loyola Law School in 2005. Christina worked for Rosen and Rosen where she was an associate attorney practicing family law. She was a law clerk for our office in the Hardcore Gang Division where she drafted motions and researched and analyzed cases. In addition, Christina was a law clerk for Professor Laurie Levenson on Celebrity Justice where she researched all areas of law pertaining to celebrity lawsuits. For one summer, she was also a law clerk for Hayford and Felchlin.

### **IRENE LEE**

Irene graduated from Chicago-Kent College of Law in 2006. Irene was a senior law clerk and a volunteer law clerk for our office in the Organized Crime Division where she assisted in all aspects of trial preparation including researching and drafting motions, preparing PowerPoint presentations, arranging witness interviews and generating and issuing subpoenas for witnesses. She was a law clerk for Lowis and Gellen where she assisted in the preparation of medical malpractice and employment law cases. In addition, Irene was a certified mediator for the Center of Conflict Resolution. Her non-legal experience includes working as a research assistant for Michael J. Taylor, Ph.D, medical economics intern for the Medical Society of the District of Columbia, research assistant for Alliance Pharmaceuticals and English Aid for UCSD International Center.

### **STEPHEN LONSETH**

Stephen graduated from Loyola Law School in 2005. He comes to us from the Kavinoky Law Firm where he was an associate for two years representing criminal defendants in all matters relating to misdemeanor and felony charges. Stephen was a certified law clerk in the Beverly Hills Area office where he conducted preliminary hearings, a misdemeanor jury trial and a misdemeanor court trial. In addition, he was an extern for the Conflict Resolution Center at Loyola Law School and a law clerk for Floyd, Skeren, Kelly and Kavinoky.

### **JONATHAN MADAMBA**

Jonathan graduated from Whittier School of Law in 2005. He was a senior law clerk for our office in the Major Fraud Division. Jonathan was also a law clerk in our Beverly Hills Area office, Family Violence Division, Central Preliminary Hearing Unit, Hardcore Gang Division, Major Narcotics Division and Major Crimes Division.

### **SONJA MIN**

Sonja graduated from the University of Chicago Law School in 2006. She comes to us from Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker where she was an attorney for a little over a year and represented institutional investors and lenders in complex commercial real estate transactions. Sonja was also a law clerk for the Cook County State's Attorney's office in Chicago where she worked in the Felony Trial Division, Special Litigation Unit.

### **ANTONIO JEREMY MOORE**

Jeremy graduated from Loyola Law School in 2006. He was a senior law clerk for Gleason and Favarote where he prepared pleadings, complaints, cross complaints and motions for summary judgment. Jeremy was a judicial extern for Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner Harvey A. Silberman where he reviewed party motions and drafted bench memoranda for review by the Commissioner. In addition, Jeremy was an extern for our office in our Van Nuys Branch. His non-legal experience includes being a financial consulting intern for Merrill Lynch and head of marketing sector for CWCsports Inc.

### **LOUIS MORIN**

Louis graduated from University of California, Los Angeles School of Law in 2007. He was a volunteer law clerk for our office in our Torrance Branch and Inglewood Juvenile office. His non-legal experience includes financial analyst for IDT corporation, assistant project manager for James E. Fitzgerald general contractors, editorial assistant for ReganBooks/HarperCollins Publishers and intern for Christie's and City of New York Parks and Recreation. Louis is also a certified Emergency Medical Technician.

### **TIOSHA MURRAY**

Tiosha graduated from Whittier Law School in 2006. She was a law clerk for New Century Mortgage Corporation where she assisted with Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings. Tiosha was a law clerk for the Kushner Law Firm where she handled all aspects of civil litigation. In addition, she was a law clerk for the Orange County District Attorney's office where she researched and analyzed federal and state criminal law in preparation for written motions and trials.

**DONNA RAPPAPORT**

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Joel graduated from University of California, Los Angeles School of Law in 2007. He was a law clerk for the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office in their Criminal Division, Special Litigation Section as well as a certified law clerk for our office in the Central Preliminary Hearing Unit and Major Narcotics Division. Joel was a legal intern for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia where he interviewed and prepared witnesses for testimony in the trial of a Bosnian Serb general accused of responsibility for the siege of Sarajevo. In addition, Joel was a judicial extern for the Honorable Gary Feess of the United States District Court.

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**GENERAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM 08-22**

TO: ALL DISTRICT ATTORNEY PERSONNEL

FROM:  STEVE COOLEY  
District Attorney

SUBJECT: **AMENDED NEW DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY I**

DATE: APRIL 4, 2008

I am pleased to announce the following Deputy District Attorneys who joined our office today:

**PATRICK BALL**

Patrick graduated from Pepperdine University School of Law in 2006. Patrick was a senior law clerk for our office in the Target Crimes Division - Crimes Against Peace Officers Section. He was also a law clerk for almost two years at Gilbert, Kelly, Crowley & Jennett. Patrick was a judicial extern for the Honorable Dale S. Fischer of the United States District Court in Los Angeles.

**SARAH BALLOG**

Sarah graduated from Pepperdine University School of Law in 2006. Sarah was a senior law clerk as well as a law clerk for our office in the Sex Crimes Division. She worked as a certified law clerk for the Orange County District Attorney's Office in their Family Protection Unit. In addition, Sarah was a legal assistant for Sullivan and Ballog. Her non-legal experience includes working as a marketing intern for Priority Sports and Entertainment where Sarah worked one on one with sports agents and marketing executives with player relations, marketing projects and the 2003 NBA and NFL drafts.

**LINDA BRADLYN**

Linda graduated from Southwestern Law School in 2007. Linda was a senior law clerk in our Appellate Division as well as a volunteer law clerk in CT-15, Central Trials Preliminary Hearing Unit and the Airport Branch Office. She served as a volunteer with the Harriet Buhai Center for Family Law and the Hurricane Katrina Relief Legal Clinic. In addition, Linda worked as a rape crisis advocate with the Valley Trauma Center in Van Nuys and as a researcher with the Transition to Adulthood of Youth with Medical Conditions at California State University, Northridge.

## **COLBY CANO**

Colby graduated from University of California, Los Angeles School of Law in 2007. After he passed the bar, he was a law clerk for Girardi & Keese. Colby was a certified law clerk for our office in the Preliminary Hearing Unit. He was also a summer law clerk in the Major Crimes Division. In addition, Colby was a judicial extern for Honorable Richard D. Fybel of the California Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division Three and a legislative intern for State Senator Tom Torlakson in Sacramento.

## **JOHN CHANG**

John graduated from Loyola Law School in 2006. He comes to us from Providus Group where he was a contract attorney. John was a certified law clerk for our office in the Preliminary Hearing Unit as well as a volunteer law clerk in our Family Violence Division. In addition, John was a law clerk for the Adams and Martin Group, Maurice Rozner Esq. and David Dudley, Esq.

## **ELIZABETH DICKINSON**

Elizabeth graduated from Loyola Law School in 2006. She comes to us from Larson and Associates where she was an associate attorney. Elizabeth was a certified law clerk for our office in our Pasadena Branch where she conducted preliminary hearings. She was also an LSAT teacher for Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions.

## **SCOTT DOMINGUEZ**

Scott graduated from University of California, Los Angeles School of Law in 2003. He comes to us from the County Counsel's Office where he was a Deputy County Counsel for a little over two years. While with the County Counsel's Office, Scott was a trial attorney assigned to handle dependency cases and managed a caseload of approximately 260 active cases. Scott was also a pro bono attorney for Public Counsel. He was an associate attorney and summer associate for Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold. In addition, Scott clerked for Kabateck & Kropff, Girardi & Keese and was a Los Angeles Superior Court extern for two summers.

## **RICHARD DREILING**

Richard graduated from Loyola Law School in 2007. He was a law clerk for Fox Rothschild where he participated in a disability discrimination trial. Richard was a certified law clerk for our office in our Torrance Branch and Central Preliminary Hearing Unit where he conducted preliminary hearings and researched and drafted various motions.

## **PAOLA ESTANISLAO**

Paola graduated from Santa Clara University School of Law in 2007. She comes to us from the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office where she was a **Deputy District Attorney**. Paola also clerked for the San Mateo District Attorney's Office for a summer as well as after the bar exam. In addition, she was a law clerk for McManis, Faulkner & Morgan.

## **STEVEN GATES**

Steven graduated from Loyola Law School in 2007. He was a law clerk for Nelson Griffin where he handled various stages of civil litigation. Steven was also a certified law clerk in our Compton & Torrance Branch offices where he conducted preliminary hearings and juvenile adjudications. In addition, Steven was a certified law clerk for Community Legal Services in Norwalk where he conducted client interviews and worked in the Domestic Violence Clinic in

the Norwalk Superior Courthouse. For eight years, Steven was a reserve soldier for the United States Army Reserve. Steven also completed a seven month police academy training for the Alameda Police Department.

### **JESSICA HITT**

Jessica graduated from University of California, Los Angeles School of Law in 2007. She was a volunteer law clerk for our office in the Real Estate Fraud Unit. Jessica was also a summer associate for Squire, Sanders & Dempsey where she drafted memoranda and conducted research. Her non-legal experience includes teaching at the Urban Minorities Research Project as well as being a literacy tutor for America Reads.

### **SHADI KARDAN**

Shadi graduated from New England School of Law in 2003. Shadi worked for the Suffolk County District Attorney's office for three years where she was an Assistant District Attorney. **While with the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office**, she conducted all stages of criminal prosecution including legal research, arraignments, pre-trial conferences, evidentiary motions, bench trials, jury trials, grand jury investigations, sexual assault network interviews, competency hearings and interlocutory appeals in the Boston Juvenile & Municipal court as well as the Suffolk Superior Court.

### **KELLY KELLEY**

Kelly graduated from Seattle University School of Law in 2007. She was a law clerk for the Law and Mediation Offices of Pauline Rosen as well as the Law Offices of Moberly & Roberts where she assisted in criminal case review and preparation.

### **CHRISTINA KOTSIOVOS VALASKANTJIS**

Christina graduated from Loyola Law School in 2005. Christina worked for Rosen and Rosen where she was an associate attorney practicing family law. She was a law clerk for our office in the Hardcore Gang Division where she drafted motions and researched and analyzed cases. In addition, Christina was a law clerk for Professor Laurie Levenson on Celebrity Justice where she researched all areas of law pertaining to celebrity lawsuits. For one summer, she was also a law clerk for Hayford and Felchlin.

### **IRENE LEE**

Irene graduated from Chicago-Kent College of Law in 2006. Irene was a senior law clerk and a volunteer law clerk for our office in the Organized Crime Division where she assisted in all aspects of trial preparation including researching and drafting motions, preparing PowerPoint presentations, arranging witness interviews and generating and issuing subpoenas for witnesses. She was a law clerk for Lowis and Gellen where she assisted in the preparation of medical malpractice and employment law cases. In addition, Irene was a certified mediator for the Center of Conflict Resolution. Her non-legal experience includes working as a research assistant for Michael J. Taylor, Ph.D, medical economics intern for the Medical Society of the District of Columbia, research assistant for Alliance Pharmaceuticals and English Aid for UCSD International Center.

### **STEPHEN LONSETH**

Stephen graduated from Loyola Law School in 2005. He comes to us from the Kavinoky Law Firm where he was an associate for two years representing criminal defendants in all matters relating to misdemeanor and felony charges. Stephen was a certified law clerk in the Beverly Hills Area office where he conducted preliminary hearings, a misdemeanor jury trial and a misdemeanor court trial. In addition, he was an extern for the Conflict Resolution Center at Loyola Law School and a law clerk for Floyd, Skeren, Kelly and Kavinoky.

### **JONATHAN MADAMBA**

Jonathan graduated from Whittier School of Law in 2005. He was a senior law clerk for our office in the Major Fraud Division. Jonathan was also a law clerk in our Beverly Hills Area office, Family Violence Division, Central Preliminary Hearing Unit, Hardcore Gang Division, Major Narcotics Division and Major Crimes Division.

### **SONJA MIN**

Sonja graduated from the University of Chicago Law School in 2006. She comes to us from Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker where she was an attorney for a little over a year and represented institutional investors and lenders in complex commercial real estate transactions. Sonja was also a law clerk for the Cook County State's Attorney's office in Chicago where she worked in the Felony Trial Division, Special Litigation Unit.

### **ANTONIO JEREMY MOORE**

Jeremy graduated from Loyola Law School in 2006. He was a senior law clerk for Gleason and Favarote where he prepared pleadings, complaints, cross complaints and motions for summary judgment. Jeremy was a judicial extern for Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner Harvey A. Silberman where he reviewed party motions and drafted bench memoranda for review by the Commissioner. In addition, Jeremy was an extern for our office in our Van Nuys Branch. His non-legal experience includes being a financial consulting intern for Merrill Lynch and head of marketing sector for CWCsports Inc.

### **LOUIS MORIN**

Louis graduated from University of California, Los Angeles School of Law in 2007. He was a volunteer law clerk for our office in our Torrance Branch and Inglewood Juvenile office. His non-legal experience includes financial analyst for IDT corporation, assistant project manager for James E. Fitzgerald general contractors, editorial assistant for ReganBooks/HarperCollins Publishers and intern for Christie's and City of New York Parks and Recreation. Louis is also a certified Emergency Medical Technician.

### **TIOSHA MURRAY**

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**GENERAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM 08-28**

TO: ALL DISTRICT ATTORNEY PERSONNEL

FROM: SLC STEVE COOLEY  
District Attorney

SUBJECT: **NEW DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY I EMPLOYEES**

DATE: MAY 8, 2008

I am pleased to announce the following Deputy District Attorneys who joined our office today:

**KATHERINE AGNEW**

Katherine graduated from Whittier Law School in 2005. Katherine comes to us from Van Sickle & Rowley where she was an associate attorney practicing family law. Katherine was a certified law clerk for the Orange County District Attorney's Office where she prepared numerous oppositions to suppression motions and assisted in preliminary hearings. She was also a legal intern for the Honorable Edward Ferns of the Los Angeles Superior Court. Katherine was a summer law clerk for the Disability Mediation Center at Loyola Law School .

**BRADLY ALLRED**

Bradly graduated from Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School, in 2006. Bradly comes to us from Filice, Brown, Eassa & McLeod where he was an associate practicing employment and labor litigation as well as business litigation, products liability, and toxic tort matters. He was also a summer associate for Carlsmith Ball. His non-legal experience includes being a volunteer missionary for the Santiago South Mission in Santiago, Chile.

**JOEL ANDERSON**

Joel graduated from Loyola Law School in 2006. Joel comes to us from the Kern County District Attorney's Office where he was a Deputy District Attorney and handled all aspects of criminal misdemeanor cases. Joel was a law clerk for our office in the Major Crimes Division. He was also a summer law clerk for Collins, Collins, Muir & Stewart and spent another summer as a law clerk for Harry A. Olivar, Esq. His non-legal experience includes working as a professional actor for 16 years.

**DIMITRIOS BILLER**

Dimitrios graduated from Loyola Law School in 1989. He recently worked as managing counsel for Toyota Motor Sales for over four years where he managed lawsuits filed against Toyota throughout the United States. Prior to working for Toyota, Dimitrios worked for Pillsbury Winthrop for a little over thirteen years where he was a partner for four years, senior counsel for one year and associate attorney for eight years. He was also a law clerk for Lillick, McHose & Charles as well as the U.S. Department of Justice in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**RACHEL BOWERS**

Rachel graduated from Southwestern University School of Law in 2007. Rachel was a senior law clerk for our office in the Public Integrity Division. She was also a volunteer law clerk in the Preliminary Hearing Unit, Central Trials 11, and Organized Crime Division. In addition to clerking for our office, Rachel was an intern for Schonbrun, DeSimone, Seplow, Harris & Hoffman and a research assistant for two professors at Southwestern University School of Law.

**ALEXANDRA CAMPBELL**

Alexandra graduated from University of Southern California Law School in 2006. Alexandra was a senior law clerk for our office in the Appellate Division. She was a summer associate for Fulbright & Jaworski and a research assistant for a professor at the University of Southern California Law School. Her non-legal experience includes being a writer and intern for KNX 1070 Newsradio, an intern for the Office of Protocol of Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan and a web designer for the Getty House Foundation.

**RON CAREY**

Ron graduated from Southwestern University School of Law in 2006. He was a senior law clerk for our office in the Major Narcotics Division and a volunteer law clerk in the Hardcore Gang Division. Ron was a research assistant for two professors at Southwestern University School of Law. His non-legal experience includes being a graphic designer for Napster and Vision Advertising as well as a self employed freelance graphic designer.

**SIANNAH COLLADO**

Siannah graduated from Southwestern University School of Law in 2007. Siannah was a fellow with the American Board of Trial Advocates. She was a legal intern for Steinberg, Tollner & Moon as well as the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office where she helped write gang injunctions and conducted training sessions for law enforcement officers. In addition, Siannah was a legal assistant for the Beverly Law Corporation.

**TROY DAVIS**

Troy graduated from Loyola Law School in 2006. He was a senior law clerk and volunteer law clerk for our office in the Family Violence Division. Troy was also a law clerk in the Long Beach Branch Office. In addition, he was a law clerk for Grancell, Lebovitz, Stander, Barnes & Reubens and Fields & Israel. His non-legal experience includes being a programmer analyst for United Guaranty Corporation.

**MIGUEL ESPINOZA**

Miguel graduated from University of Southern California School of Law in 2007. Miguel was a law clerk for Bush & Quinonez. He was also a judicial extern for the California Court of Appeal. His non-legal experience includes being a deputy political director for the State of California for Hillary Clinton for President, a mayoral aide for the Office of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and a deputy campaign policy director for Antonio Villaraigosa for City Council.

**ANI GRIGORIAN**

Ani graduated from Pepperdine University School of Law in 2005. She comes to us from Aroustamian & Associates where she was an associate attorney personally handling all aspects of civil litigation from client interview to trial. Ani was a legal intern in dispute resolution for

the National Association of Securities Dealers as well as the California Department of Corporations.

### **MELISSA HAMMOND**

Melissa graduated from University of California, Los Angeles School of Law in 2004. Melissa will soon receive her LL.M at New York University School of Law. **Melissa worked for the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office as a Deputy Public Defender for two years.** Prior to joining the Public Defender's Office, Melissa was a civil litigation associate for Brown, Winfield & Canzoneri where she worked on cases involving municipal and real estate law. In addition, she was a summer law clerk for our office in the Major Narcotics Division.

### **MATTHEW HENNING**

Matthew graduated from University of California, Los Angeles School of Law in 2006. Matthew comes to us from Grace, Cosgrove & Schirm where he was an associate attorney. He was a law clerk for our office in the Major Crimes Division. In addition, Matthew was a judicial extern for the Honorable Madeliene Flier of the California State Court of Appeal, Second District. His non-legal experience includes being a promotions director for WVBR-FM in Ithaca, New York, campaign intern for William Simon for Governor and financial analyst for Health Care Property Investors.

### **LILY KEENAN**

Lily graduated from Abraham Lincoln University of Law in 2005. She comes to us from the Los Angeles County Fire Department where she was a departmental civil service representative. Prior to joining the Fire Department, Lily worked for the Department of Public Social Services for over eight years in different capacities.

### **BRENDA LEE**

Brenda graduated from Loyola Law School in 2005. She comes to us from Schaffer, Lax, McNaughton & Chen where she was an associate attorney handling civil litigation associated with construction defect, professional liability, and premises liability. Brenda was also a certified law clerk for our office in the Hardcore Gang Division and Preliminary Hearing Unit. In addition, Brenda was a legal extern for the Cancer Legal Resource Center – Western Law Center for Disability Rights. Her non-legal experience includes being a senior buyer for Samsung Electronics America.

### **CATHY LEE**

Cathy graduated from Southwestern University School of Law in 2005. She comes to us from the Kern County District Attorney's Office where she was a Deputy District Attorney prosecuting misdemeanor cases. Prior to joining the Kern County District Attorney's Office, Cathy was an attorney for Tashjian Law Firm in Glendale, California. She was also a law clerk for the Law Offices of Brian Witzer. Her non-legal experience includes being an English teacher and an adoption services assistant in Seoul, South Korea.

### **ESTHER LIN**

Esther graduated from University of Southern California, School of Law in 2007. She was a senior law clerk for our office in the Major Crimes Division. Esther was also a law clerk in our Central Preliminary Hearing Unit and Compton Hardcore Gang Division. In addition, Esther

was a law clerk for the Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice as well as a clerk for Nossman, Gunther, Knox & Elliot.

### **JACQUELINE MAC**

Jacqueline graduated from Santa Clara University School of Law in 2004. She comes to us from the Imperial County District Attorney's Office where she was a Deputy District Attorney conducting both misdemeanor and felony jury trials. Since graduating law school in 2004, Jacqueline was a contract attorney for Morrison & Foerster, a litigation associate for Glassberg, Pollak & Associates, a judicial law clerk for the Honorable James Ware of the United States District Court, Northern District of California, a case assistant for Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and a paralegal and contract attorney for Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe. During law school, she was a certified law clerk for the Santa Clara District Attorney's office and judicial extern for Commissioner Loren DiFrank of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

### **TAPTI PATEL**

Tapti graduated from Loyola Law School in 2007. She was a senior law clerk and a certified law clerk for our office in the Family Violence Division where she assisted attorneys in all aspects of trial preparation and presented preliminary hearings involving domestic violence issues. Tapti was also a law clerk for Reuben & Novicoff and a legal assistant for the Law Offices of Reifman & Altman.

### **MYLE PHAN**

Myle graduated from Southwestern University School of Law in 2005. For the last two and half years, Myle has been a research attorney for Superior Court Judges Ruth Kwan, Soussan Bruguera and Jon Mayeda (Ret.). She was a certified law clerk for our office in the Airport Branch. Myle was also a judicial extern to the Honorable Antonio Barreto, Jr. of the Los Angeles Superior Court. In addition, Myle was an intern for the United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice Programs in Washington D.C. She was also an assistant to the General Counsel for G&L Realty Corporation and administrative assistant to California Assemblymember Martin Gallegos.

### **SUSU SCOTT**

SuSu graduated from University of Minnesota Law School in 2005. She comes to us from Wasserman, Comden & Casselman where she was an associate attorney handling civil trials and arbitrations. SuSu was a student attorney and student director for the Civil Practice clinic in Minneapolis. In addition, she was a judicial extern for the Honorable Ann Montgomery, United States District Judge, District of Minnesota. SuSu worked for the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, as a law clerk, in their General Counsel Division-Intellectual Property and their Special Operations Division-Public Integrity, Environmental Protection, Special Enforcement. Her non-legal experience includes being a research associate for Anosys and a biomedical scientist and research assistant for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

### **DAPHNE SMITH**

Daphne graduated from Southwestern University School of Law in 2006. She comes to us from Prindle, Decker & Amaro where she was an attorney and a law clerk and handled all aspects of civil litigation. Daphne was general counsel for the Percussion Artist's Workshop. Prior to working for Percussion Artist's Workshop, Daphne worked for Verboon, Milstein & Peter as Head of Staff as well as a legal assistant. Her non-legal experience includes being an office

manager for John V. Mutlow Architects and a lighting technician for University of Southern California Bovard Auditorium.

### **JENNIFER STEVENSON**

Jennifer graduated from Duke University School of Law in 2002. She comes to us from the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office where she was a Deputy District Attorney prosecuting misdemeanor cases and conducting preliminary hearings. **Prior to joining the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, Jennifer was a prosecuting attorney with the San Diego County District Attorney's Office working in their Economic Crimes Division and a volunteer attorney assisting in death penalty prosecutions.** For three years, Jennifer was an associate attorney for Hunton & Williams where she represented major corporate clients in products liability and mass tort litigation. During law school, Jennifer was a certified legal intern for the Wake County District Attorney's Office in Raleigh, North Carolina, and she was also a summer intern for Hunton & Williams.

### **SAEED TEYMOURI**

Saeed graduated from Western State University College of Law in 2006. For the last year, Saeed has been a solo practitioner representing clients in criminal misdemeanor cases. He has also been working as a contract attorney for Ronald Talmo, Esq. and Mark Frederick, Esq. During law school, Saeed was a law clerk for Ronald Talmo and a certified law clerk for the Orange County District Attorney's Office.

### **PAUL WILKINS**

Paul graduated from University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in 2007. He was a post bar law clerk for the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office where he worked in the Family Violence Unit. Paul was also a legal intern for the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, Criminal Division, where he researched, drafted and submitted respondent's briefs to the Third and Fifth Courts of Appeal. In addition, Paul was a law clerk in our Alhambra Area Office where he conducted preliminary hearings and argued various motions. He was also a paralegal for a year for Merrimack Valley Legal Services. His non-legal experience includes being a licensing coordinator and assistant to VP of music administration for Sony Entertainment/Columbia Pictures.

### **SCOTT YANG**

Scott graduated from Southwestern University School of Law in 2002. For almost five years, Scott has been an attorney in his own law firm, Law Office of Scott A. Yang, practicing civil litigation and focusing on issues relating to real estate. Scott was also the chief executive officer and general in-house legal counsel for United Beauty College.

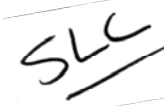
### **CAROLYN YEH**

Carolyn graduated from Pepperdine University School of Law in 2007. Carolyn was a law clerk for our office in the Major Crimes Division. She was also a research assistant for a Professor at Pepperdine University School of Law as well as a law clerk for Bet Tzedek Legal Services and the Los Angeles Superior Court. Her non-legal experience includes being a clerk and emergency trauma technician for the UCLA Emergency Medicine Center .

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**GENERAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM 09-28**

TO: ALL DISTRICT ATTORNEY PERSONNEL

FROM:  STEVE COOLEY  
District Attorney

SUBJECT: **NEW DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY I EMPLOYEES**

DATE: APRIL 10, 2009

I am pleased to announce the following Deputy District Attorneys who joined our office today:

**SAMANTHA BORGHI**

Samantha graduated from Southwestern University School of Law in 2008. Samantha was a law clerk for our office in the Hardcore Gang Division. She was also a law clerk for the Los Angeles Public Defender's Office where she worked in Eastlake Juvenile as well as downtown. Samantha was an intern for Rosen, Feig, Golland, and Lunn. Prior to law school, Samantha worked as a primary therapist and social worker for La Paz Geropsychiatric Center where she supervised case management for mentally ill patients. She was also a clinical intern for the Southern California Alcohol and Drug Programming, Inc.

**JESSICA BOWLIN**

Jessica graduated from Chapman University School of Law in 2007. Jessica comes to us from the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office where she was a Deputy District Attorney prosecuting cases in juvenile court and assisting in the prosecution of cases in the adult court. She was a law clerk for the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office in their Special Victim's Unit. Samantha was also a certified law clerk for the Orange County District Attorney's Office where she conducted preliminary hearings. Prior to law school, Jessica was a producer and legal researcher for the Hugh Hewitt Show.

**ROSE CARRION**

Rose graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2007. Rose comes to us from the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office where she was a research attorney, researching and writing motions and briefs for the Corruption, Fraud and Enforcement Division. Prior to working for the City Attorney's Office, Rose worked as an Administrative Hearing Officer for the University of San Diego School of Law, Administrative Hearing Program for over two

years. She was an independent contractor for the Gomez Law Firm after she graduated law school. During law school, Rose was a legal intern for the San Diego County Office of the District Attorney, Juvenile Division and the Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County. Prior to law school, Rose worked as a research assistant for Children's Hospital and Research Center in Oakland where she researched Autism Spectrum Disorder in children under the age of 4 years.

### **EMILY CHANG**

Emily graduated from the University of Notre Dame Law School in 2007. She was a senior law clerk for our office in the Target Crimes Division. Emily was a summer associate at Thelen, Reid, and Priest where she reviewed and analyzed documents for a potential wage class action suit. She was also a judicial extern for the Honorable Barbara M. Scheper of Los Angeles Superior Court. Emily was a project assistant for Latham and Watkins and an intern at the Oakland Pretrial Services and Southern California Wetlands Conservancy.

### **JASON CLOUSE**

Jason graduated from Southwestern University School of Law in 2007. Jason was a volunteer law clerk for our office in the Hardcore Gang Division where he assisted in all aspects of trial preparation. He also worked in our Preliminary Hearing Unit where he conducted approximately ten preliminary hearings. During law school, Jason worked as a research assistant to Professor J. Kelly Strader at Southwestern University School of Law as well as an extern for the Disability Rights Legal Center, Civil Rights Litigation Project. His non-legal experience includes being a teaching assistant while he was at the University of California, Los Angeles and a volunteer for the Center for Law in the Public Interest where he assisted in fundraisers and performed various administrative tasks.

### **SHANNON COOLEY**

Shannon graduated from Loyola Law School in 2006. She comes to us from Lavelly and Singer where she was an attorney participating in all phases of litigation. During law school, Shannon worked as a law clerk for Lavelly and Singer as well as Brown, Winfield, and Canzoneri. She was also an extern for Bet Tzedek. Prior to law school, Shannon worked as a research intern for the County of Los Angeles, Board of Supervisors, 5<sup>th</sup> District, Michael D. Antonovich for two summers. She was also a development assistant at the University of California, Berkeley where she provided administrative aid to the Haas School of Business, Fisher Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics.

### **PRESCILIANO (PERCY) DURAN**

Percy graduated from Whittier Law School in 2008. Percy comes to us from Duran and Duran Law Firm where he was a partner. He also comes to us from Adelante Education Services where he was in-house counsel representing the company during negotiations and reviewing and

drafting all contracts. While in law school, Percy was a dean's research assistant and a teaching assistant at Whittier Law School, a law clerk for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary, and a legal intern for Congresswoman Linda T. Sanchez, 39<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of California. Prior to law school, Percy was an assistant program director for the Collegiate Medical Volunteers Program at the Los Angeles County USC Medical Center as well as a researcher in the biology department at California State University, Los Angeles.

## **LAUREN FIELDS**

Lauren graduated from Pepperdine University School of Law in 2008. Lauren comes to us from the Dorton Firm where she was an associate handling personal injury, child custody, and medical malpractice cases. She was also a law clerk for Voss, Silverman, and Braybrooke as well as the Law Offices of Cyril Hall.

## **CHAD GILLETTE**

Chad graduated from Loyola Law School in 2007. Chad comes to us from the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office where he has conducted over 90 preliminary hearings. He was a certified law clerk for our office in the Compton Branch where he conducted over 20 preliminary hearings and assisted deputy district attorneys in preparing for trial. He was also a law clerk for Rose, Klein, and Marias as well as Horvitz and Levy. Chad's non-legal experience includes being a technical analyst/programmer for Experian North America and a Counterintelligence Agent for the United State Marine Corps for almost eight years.

## **MICHELE GILMER**

Michele graduated from Golden Gate University Law School in 1982. Michele was previously a Deputy District Attorney for our office for nine years. In that time period, Michele prosecuted cases in Bellflower, Long Beach, Compton Hardcore, Norwalk, and Downtown. After she left our office, Michele moved to Singapore where she volunteered for the American Women's Association for four years, planning and coordinating tours throughout Asia for expatriates. She was also a board member for the Singapore American School. Prior to her career as a Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney, Michele was a legal assistant for the Alameda County District Attorney's Office. In addition, Michele was a legal assistant for the Honorable Justice Allen Broussard of the California Supreme Court in San Francisco.

## **THOMAS HILTON**

Thomas graduated from the University of La Verne College of Law in 2008. Thomas comes to us from the Law Offices of Stephen R. Wade where he was an associate attorney handling the filing of bankruptcy cases and conducting case related discovery. He was also a law clerk for Silva, Clasen, and Raffalow.



## **CASEY JARVIS**

Casey graduated from Western State University College of Law in 2008. Casey comes to us from Wait and Colfer where he was a junior associate as well as a law clerk, handling all aspects of civil litigation. During law school, he was a structured study group and research assistant at Western State University College of Law. His non-legal experience includes being a fabrication technician where he fabricated various prosthetics and orthotics and assisted patients with fittings.

## **LESLIE MELLER**

Leslie graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2008. She comes to us from the Ventura County District Attorney's Office where she was a Deputy District Attorney preparing case files for pre-trial conferences and trials. She was also a certified legal intern for the San Diego District Attorney's Office as well as the Office of the California Attorney General in San Diego. In addition, Leslie worked as a law clerk for the Law Offices of Meller and Floyd and a legal assistant for the senior partner at the Law Offices of Verboon, Milstein, and Peter.

## **KAREN MONTOYA**

Karen graduated from Georgetown University Law Center in 2003. Karen was an associate at Mayer Brown for almost three years where she worked with the corporate and securities group. Prior to working at Mayer Brown, Karen worked as an associate for Milbank, Tweed, Hadley, and McCloy. During the summer of 2001, Karen worked for Galicia y Robles, S.C. in Mexico City where she drafted a memorandum on Amendments to the Mexican Securities Laws.

## **DAMIANA MUNDORFF**

Damiana graduated from Pepperdine University School of Law in 2007. Damiana comes to us from the Kern County District Attorney's Office where she was a Deputy District Attorney and a certified law clerk. As a Deputy District Attorney, Damiana was assigned to the misdemeanor unit. She also handled the felony drug cases assigned to the Proposition 36 court. As a certified law clerk Damiana conducted preliminary hearings. Damiana was also a volunteer law clerk for our office as well as the San Diego County Public Defender's Office. Damiana's non-legal experience includes being a financial associate for AG Edwards, receptionist for UC San Diego Recreation, intern for Salomon Smith Barney, sales associate for Best Buy and office associate for Deloitte and Touche.

## **SANDRA PENA**

Sandra graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2007. She comes to us from Gutierrez, Preciado, and House where she represented employers in cases involving employment discrimination, personal injury, civil rights, and contract disputes. Sandra was also a content acquisition specialist for Thomson West where she reviewed and analyzed court

documents relating to recent state and civil litigation matters. In addition, Sandra was a certified legal intern for the San Diego District Attorney's Office where she conducted preliminary hearings and argued suppression motions. In addition, she was a law clerk for the Cain Law Group where she drafted wills, trusts, prenuptial agreements, deeds and contracts.

### **BRADLEY ROBERTS**

Bradley graduated from Boston College Law School in 2008. Bradley was a legal intern for the United States Department of Justice in their Environmental Enforcement Section. He was also a student prosecutor for the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office where he handled arraignments, argued suppression and bail motions, and negotiated plea agreements. Bradley was one of six third year law students selected from a pool of applicants from Boston College, Harvard, and Boston University Law School to teach an upper level undergraduate course in environmental law and policy at Boston College. In addition, Bradley was a summer associate for Best, Best, and Krieger as well as a legal intern for Surfrider Foundation.

### **ELIZABETH ROOS**

Elizabeth graduated from Loyola Law School in 2006. She comes to us from Marks and Brooklier where she was an attorney handling state and federal court appearances including arraignments, continuances and sentencings. She was co-counsel on a state felony trial. Elizabeth was also a law clerk for Michelan and Robinson, Spolin, Silverman, Cohen, and Bartlett as well as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

### **SARAH SLICE**

Sarah graduated from Southwestern University School of Law in 2008. She was a law clerk for our office in the Major Narcotics Division as well as the Target Crimes Division where she assisted attorneys in all aspects of trial preparation. While clerking for our office she assisted a deputy district attorney in presenting a case to the Grand Jury. She was also an intern for the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office. In addition, Sarah worked as an intern for Congressman Adam Schiff's Office in Washington, D.C.

### **MARIELA TORRES**

Mariela graduated from Pacific Coast University School of Law in 2006. She comes to us from Gaylord and Nantais where she was an attorney responsible for all aspects of litigation in approximately one hundred and fifty cases. Mariela was also a paralegal assistant for Gaylord and Nantais.

## **CINDY WATERMAN**

Cindy graduated from Loyola University Chicago School of Law in 2005. She was a volunteer law clerk for our office in the Airport Branch. Prior to volunteering for our office, Cindy was assistant counsel for Allstate Insurance for two years. In addition, Cindy was a law clerk for Berton N. Ring and a volunteer law clerk for the Cook County Public Defender's office, working in the Post Conviction Division.

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GENERAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM 12-057

TO: ALL DISTRICT ATTORNEY PERSONNEL

FROM:  STEVE COOLEY  
District Attorney

SUBJECT: **NEW DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY I EMPLOYEES**

DATE: JUNE 28, 2012

I am pleased to announce the following Deputy District Attorneys who joined our office today:

**SHARON BABAKHAN**

Sharon graduated from Glendale University College of Law in 2011, *summa cum laude*. Sharon comes to us from the Chief Executive Office of Los Angeles County where she has served as support staff for the Office of Legislation, Intergovernmental Relations and External Affairs since 2008. Previously, Sharon also worked for the Office of the County Counsel, the Public Defender's Office and the Department of Children and Family Services.

**LARA BAZAN**

Lara graduated from USC Law School in 2008. Since that time, she has worked as a litigation associate for Jones Day in Los Angeles where she was a member of the trial practice group, focusing on complex civil litigation. Lara was also a judicial extern for the honorable Aurelio Munoz in the Los Angeles Superior Court. Previously, Lara was also an intern at Bonne, Bridges, Mueller O'Keefe & Nichols.

**SETH CARMACK**

Seth graduated from University of Notre Dame Law School in 2007. Seth comes to us as an associate attorney at the law firm of Reed Smith LLP where he primarily handled employment law litigation cases. Previously, Seth was an associate attorney at Chamberlin, Keaster & Brockman LLP and at Klinedinst PC spending almost two years at each firm. In 2010, Seth served as a *pro bono* prosecutor for the Burbank City Attorney's Office where he conducted three jury trials. Seth was also a judicial extern for the honorable Ronald Kreber, Orange County Superior Court.

## **EDWARD CHANG**

Edward graduated from Loyola Law School in 2008. Edward comes to our office from the Tulare County District Attorney's Office where he was a Deputy District Attorney who participated in all phases of criminal case preparation and trial. Previously, Edward was an associate attorney at Jeffrey Horowitz & Associates and conducted civil litigation. Edward was also a legal writer for the Daily Journal where he researched and wrote articles for daily publication regarding over 400 civil and criminal cases, as well as other subjects of interest to the legal community. From 2006 through 2008, Edward was a law clerk for our office in the Healthcare Fraud Division, Worker's Compensation Fraud Division, Fraud Interdiction Section, Central Trials and Preliminary Hearing Unit.

## **W. VANCE DAVIS**

Vance graduated from Whittier Law School in 2010. Before joining our office, Vance was a Deputy City Prosecutor for the Long Beach City Prosecutor's Office. Previously, Vance was self-employed as a general practice attorney. Vance was also a contract attorney and law clerk at Voss & Johnson, a civil litigation and white collar criminal defense firm. Vance was a Certified Law Clerk for the Orange County District Attorney's Office in Santa Ana where he conducted preliminary hearings and participated in misdemeanor trials. He also was a judicial extern for the honorable John S. Adams, Orange County Superior Court.

## **MICHELLE GRAVES**

Michelle graduated from Irvine College of Law in 2008. In 2006, Michelle was awarded the Barry Levin Memorial Scholarship offered by the Los Angeles Criminal Courts Bar Association and our office. From 2001 to the present, Michelle has been employed as a Deputy Sheriff with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Michelle was assigned to the Patrol Division, Community Oriented Policing Services (C.O.P.S.) Bureau. Previously, Michelle was assigned to the Court Services Bureau and served for almost five years as a bailiff in a Long Beach Branch trial court. Michelle was also previously assigned to the Custody Division. From 1997 through 1999, Michelle was employed as a Deputy Sheriff for the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. In 2005, Michelle earned a Master of Public Administration degree.

## **ROSALBA GUTIERREZ**

Rosalba graduated from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall) in 2007. Rosalba comes to our office as a Deputy Trial Counsel for the State Bar of California, and was employed by the State Bar since 2009. Rosalba was previously an associate at Morrison & Foerster LLP. Before that, Rosalba was a volunteer law clerk for Texas RioGrande Legal Aid. Rosalba was also a volunteer intern for the East Bay Sanctuary who guided clients through the refugee status application process. Rosalba worked to finance her undergraduate education while also serving in the Air Force National Guard. She received a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Berkeley, earning Phi Beta Kappa status.

## **DIANE SEONG-HOO HONG**

Diane graduated from Loyola Law School in 2009. Diane joins our office from the Hahn Legal Group APC where she was an associate attorney who practiced general litigation and commercial insurance defense. Diane was also an associate attorney at Voss Silverman & Braybrooke LLP and at Lee Anav Chung LLP. Previously, Diane was a law clerk for our office's Auto Insurance Fraud Division, Organized Crime Division, Hate Crime Unit and Preliminary Hearing Unit. Before law school, Diane spent four years as a Counter Intelligence Team Sergeant and Senior Interrogator for the United States Army. Diane also served as a Chaplain Assistant for the Eighth Army Headquarters for four years.

## **LINDSAY KURTIS**

Lindsay graduated from Western State University College of Law in 2008. Lindsay comes to us from the public benefit organization BASTA, Inc. where she was practicing law as the Head of the Unlawful Detainer Department. Previously, Lindsay was a legal extern for the Public Law Center where she assisted low income clients. Lindsay was also a law clerk for Peter L. Weinberger & Associates where she assisted in a variety of legal work.

## **WESLEY KWAN**

Wesley graduated from Loyola Law School in 2007. Wesley comes to our office from Rifenburg, Zurawski Kirk where he was a field attorney who managed all phases of civil personal injury cases and served as a liaison with claims adjusters. Wesley was previously a volunteer Deputy City Attorney with the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office. Wesley was also a judicial extern for the honorable Soussan G. Bruegera, Los Angeles County Superior Court and for the honorable Dickran Tevzian, United States District Court. Wesley was a law clerk for the Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice where he assisted clients with child custody proceedings, dissolution proceedings and temporary restraining orders.

## **MICHAEL LOUTHIAN**

Michael graduated from Glendale University College of Law in 2010. Michael was a paid student worker and Certified Law Clerk in our Glendale Area Office where he conducted preliminary hearings and assisted attorneys in all aspects of criminal case filing and preparation. Michael was also employed full-time as an Intermediate Clerk in both our Pasadena Branch Office and our Van Nuys Branch Office where he prepared misdemeanor complaints, assisted filing officers with the filing process and managed the custody, warrant and bailout filings to ensure that every case was reviewed and timely filed.

## **DANIEL MERRICK**

Daniel graduated from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law in 2009. Daniel was a summer intern for our office in both the Hardcore Gang Division and the Crimes Against Peace Officers (CAPOS) Section. Daniel was also previously a legal extern for the Major Crimes Division of the United States Attorney's Office in San Francisco and managed a

misdeemeanor docket. Daniel was a summer extern for the Business & Tax Division of the Office of the California Attorney General where he assisted with document review in a multi-million dollar tax-refund case. Daniel was also previously an associate attorney at Cooley Manion Jones Kurowski LLP.

### **SHANE MICHAEL**

Shane graduated from Pepperdine School of Law in 2011. Shane comes to us as a Nootbaar Fellow who has acted as an Accredited Court Mediator and Liaison to the High Court in Kampala, Uganda. Shane coordinated with the Center for Justice Studies and Innovation of Uganda to develop a Juvenile Justice Manual as part of UNICEF's sponsorship of the nationwide Justice for Children Program. Shane was also previously a judicial extern for the Criminal Division of Uganda's High Court. Shane was a Certified Law Clerk for our office and conducted 16 preliminary hearings at our Airport Branch Office. Shane was also a summer associate at Edgerton & Weaver who assisted in multi-million dollar arbitration and litigation. Before attending law school, Shane worked for seven years as an English teacher at Loyola High School.

### **EMMET O'HANLON**

Emmet graduated from USC Law School in 2008. Emmet joins our office from Orletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart where he was an associate attorney. Emmet was also an associate attorney at Squire, Sanders & Dempsey LLP where he represented clients in state and federal courts throughout California. Emmet was previously a law clerk for our office in the Preliminary Hearing Unit where he conducted over 20 preliminary hearings. Emmet was also a judicial extern for the honorable Christina A. Snyder, United States District Court. Before attending law school, Emmet worked for two years as a Fellow and Field Organizer for the United States Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) in Des Moines, Iowa where he authored several reports regarding renewable energy and the economic benefits of wind farming.

### **MICHELLE MARJON RAJI**

Michelle graduated from Loyola Law School in 2009, Order of the Coif. Michelle comes to us from Snell & Wilmer LLP where she was an associate attorney who practiced in state and federal courts in high profile multi-million dollar business, financial services and white collar cases. Previously, Michelle was a summer associate at Venable LLP. Michelle was also a law clerk for the Office of the Federal Public Defender and the Los Angeles County Office of the Public Defender. Michelle was a law clerk at the Disability Legal Rights Center in Los Angeles for the Cancer Resources Center where she helped cancer patients solve legal issues relating to their illness.

### **LYLE RIGGS**

Lyle graduated from Whittier Law School in 2009. Lyle comes to our office from Lawrence, Beach, Allen & Choi where he was an associate attorney who specialized in defending police officers in civil litigation. In 2004, Lyle was a law clerk in our office's Justice System Integrity

Division (JSID). Lyle also previously clerked for the Orange County District Attorney's Office at the Central Justice Center, in the Consumer/Environmental Protection Unit and in the Special Assignments Unit.

### **W. JAMES SARGENT**

James graduated from Loyola Law School in 2010. James comes to our office as an associate attorney at Murchison & Cumming, LLP where he handled product liability, toxic tort and catastrophic injury cases. James was previously a Certified Law Clerk for our office's Preliminary Hearing Unit where he conducted 42 preliminary hearings. James was also a judicial extern for the honorable Otis D. Wright, United States District Court. Before law school, James graduated from the United States Air Force Academy and served in the United States Air Force from 2003-2006.

### **DAVID YAROSLAVSKY**

David graduated from New York University School of Law in 2007. David comes to us from Latham & Watkins where he was an associate attorney in the Litigation Department. David was previously a legal extern both at the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York and in the Central District of California where he assisted the trial team during the corruption trial of Southgate City Treasurer Albert Robles. David was also a legal intern for the New York County District Attorney's Office.

### **COURTNEY CLIXBY ZIFKIN**


Courtney graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Minnesota Law School in 2005. Courtney comes to our office from Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP, where she was a civil litigator. Previously, Courtney served for two years as a law clerk for the honorable Mariana R. Pfaelzer, United States District Court for the Central District of California, and for one year as a law clerk for the honorable Gary A. Feess, also here in the Central District. Before that, Courtney also served for one year as a judicial law clerk for the honorable Kermit E. Bye, United States Circuit Court, Eighth Circuit Court of Appeal.

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GENERAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM 17-135

TO: ALL DISTRICT ATTORNEY PERSONNEL

FROM: JACKIE LACEY   
District Attorney

SUBJECT: **NEW DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY I EMPLOYEES**

DATE: November 2, 2017

I am pleased to announce the following Deputy District Attorneys who joined our office November 2, 2017. I look forward to introducing the new class at the next Saturday seminar; November 18, 2017.

**MEGAN CALLAGHAN**

Megan graduated from Chapman University, Dale E. Fowler School of Law in 2016 as a merit scholar. During law school, she was an extern in our Pomona Branch Sexual Assault Unit. Megan also served as a certified law clerk in the Felony Panel Unit at the Orange County District Attorney's Office. She comes to us from the **Sacramento County District Attorney's Office** where she has been a Deputy District Attorney for the last fifteen months. Megan enjoys reading, going to comedy shows, hiking and traveling.

**DANIELLA ESLAMBOLY**

Daniella graduated from Loyola Law School in 2014. During law school, she had two tours as a law clerk in our office including the Compton Victim Impact Program Unit and Major Crimes Division. She also served as a law clerk with the Dependency Division of the Los Angeles County Counsel's Office. Daniella spent nine months as a Staff Attorney with the Children's Law Center of Los Angeles before joining the Dependency Division of the **County of Los Angeles Office of the County Counsel**. She spent the last eighteen months with County Counsel as a Senior Associate. Daniella is proficient in Spanish and enjoys cooking, hiking and interval training.

**WENDY HALE**

Wendy graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law in 2015 where she was a participant in the 1L Jones Day Moot Court Competition. During law school, she interned at Rehwald, Glasner & Chaleff. Wendy was a student extern at the California Attorney General's Office in their Natural Resources and Environment Sections. Additionally, she was a certified law clerk in our Metropolitan Area Office and a student extern in both our Hardcore Gang and Major Crimes Divisions. She comes to us from the Kern County District Attorney's

Office where she has spent the last twenty-two months as a Deputy District Attorney II. Wendy is passionate about scuba diving, cooking, traveling, and eating Italian food.

### **MARI HENDERSON**

Mari is a 2015 graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law where she received the Deans Award for her performance in Evidence and Constitutional Law. Prior to law school, she worked as an On-Air Reporter for Time Warner Cable's 24-hour news channel in New York, New York. As a law student, Mari served as a law clerk in our Major Crimes Division and Preliminary Hearing Unit. She worked as an Associate Medical Malpractice Attorney for The Law Offices of Dr. Bruce G. Fagel and Associates for nine months. Mari comes to us from Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan where she has practiced civil litigation. Not only does Mari enjoy running half marathons, but she is skilled at filming and editing videos.

### **DUKE HO**

Duke graduated from Loyola Law School in 2016 where he was a recipient of The James Irvine Swinden '79 Scholarship and a staff writer on The Entertainment Law Review. While in law school, he served as a judicial extern to the Honorable Craig Richman at the Los Angeles Superior Court. Duke also worked as a certified law clerk in both the Sacramento County and Los Angeles County District Attorney's Offices. In Sacramento, he worked in the Gang and Hate Crime Unit. Duke worked in our Preliminary Hearing Unit and Major Crimes Division. Furthermore, Duke served as a legal extern to the Honorable Michael Fitzgerald in the United States District Court in Los Angeles. He come to us from the **Sacramento County District Attorney's Office** where he has been a Deputy District Attorney since August of 2016. Duke loves smoking and grilling meat, playing basketball and playing indoor and beach volleyball.

### **NITA LEE**

Nita is a 2014 graduate of Southwestern Law School where she graduated in the top 10% of her class and was a second-place finalist in the NYC Bar National Moot Court Competition. In law school, she worked as a law clerk for our Public Integrity Division and the Preliminary Hearing Unit. Nita also served as a law clerk in the United States Attorney's Office, Central District of California. As an attorney, she volunteered at the Van Nuys Branch of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office. Nita was an Associate Attorney at Collins, Collins, Muir & Stewart, LLP in South Pasadena for fifteen months. She comes to us from Daniels, Fine, Israel, Schonbuch & Lebovits, LLP of Los Angeles where she has practiced civil law for the last year. Currently, Nita does pro bono work at the Coalition Against Slavery & Trafficking where she assists victims of human trafficking throughout Los Angeles County. Nita grew up in Germany and enjoys traveling. She is fluent in German and conversational in French.

## **FERNANDO SANCHEZ**

Fernando is a 2011 graduate of Fordham University School of Law where he was the recipient of the Archibald R. Murray Public Service Award, Summa Cum Laude. While in law school, he was a judicial intern for the Honorable Joseph A. Zayas at the Queens County Criminal Court in Queens, New York. Fernando served as a law clerk in both the Kings County and Los Angeles County District Attorney's Offices. He served in our White Collar and Organized Crime Divisions. Prior to passing the bar, he worked in the California State Controller's Office as a Special Assistant for two years. He is fluent in Spanish and conversational in French. Fernando is an avid homebrewer, hiker, and science-fiction reader.

## **JEFFREY TANG**

Jeffrey graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law in 2015. He served as the Chief Managing Editor of the Asian Pacific American Law Journal and the Managing Editor of the Pacific Basin Law Journal. Jeffrey was a participant in the 2013 Jones Day 1L Moot Court Competition. During law school, he was a law clerk and a certified law clerk for our office serving in the Major Crimes and Target Crimes Divisions, Preliminary Hearing Unit, and Torrance Branch Office. He has been practicing civil litigation for the last two years at the Law Corporation of Susan E. Wiesner in Los Angeles. Jeffrey is a cook who likes to travel and enjoys basketball.

## **JASON TORRES**

Jason is a 2012 graduate of the Santa Clara University School of Law where he distinguished himself in legal research and writing, in which he received the Cali Excellence for the Future Award. He served as a certified law clerk with the Santa Clara Expungement Clinic in his last year of law school. Prior to joining the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office as a Deputy District Attorney II, Jason was a Paralegal with that office. **He comes to us after two and a half years as a Deputy District Attorney with the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office.** Jason is an avid collector of fountain pens and enjoys reading, hiking, movies, and spending time with his dog.

## **CYLIA VILLEGAS**

Cylia graduated from Whittier Law School in 2012. During law school, she was a certified law clerk in our Torrance Branch Office. As an attorney, she has worked in a variety of legal fields. Cylia provided management with legal summaries and made recommendations while working as a Legal Specialist for Provident Funding in Cypress, California. She practiced family law at Hughes & Hughes, LLP in Tustin, California and has made appearances in Southern California for Bye Bye Hearings, Incorporated. Cylia practiced tax law for US Tax Shield in Woodland Hills, California. She comes to us from the **Shasta County District Attorney's Office** where she has been a Deputy District Attorney for over two years. Cylia is fluent in Spanish and enjoys camping, paddle-boarding, swimming, and hiking with her jack terrier.

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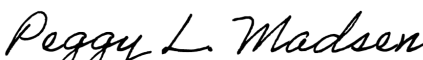
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