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Assistant Public Defender Appointed by Governor

(Santa Ana, CA) — Orange County Assistant Public Defender Tracy Lesage has been appointed to the State Bar of California's Attorney Diversion and Assistance Program Oversight Committee by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr.

The Committee was established with passage in 2001 of the Attorney Diversion and Assistance Act. The act directed the State Bar to assist attorneys with detecting, preventing and treating substance abuse, depression and stress while enhancing public protection and maintaining the integrity of the legal profession.

“This is a prestigious reflection on Tracy's quality and integrity,” Orange County Public Defender Frank Ospino said of the appointment.

Lesage, 44, of Rancho Santa Margarita, has served in several positions with the Public Defender's office since 2000, including deputy public defender. She practiced with the firm Blum and Roseman from 1996 to 1998, then moved to Elder and Manning from 1998 to 1999. She was in private practice from 1999 to 2000 before joining the County.

She is a member of the Orange County Bar Association and the Orange County Thurgood Marshall Bar Association, as well as a mentor at Chapman University's Fowler School of Law. Lesage earned her law degree from Western State University College of Law.

The committee appointment does not require Senate confirmation and includes no compensation.

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