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LOREN FREESTONE TO LEAD SAN DIEGO COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION IN 2017

New Board Members Elected, Installation Ceremony at Stepping Up to the Bar December 2

SAN DIEGO (November 14, 2016) — Loren Freestone, partner with Higgs Fletcher & Mack LLP, will serve as president of the San Diego County Bar Association (SDCBA) for 2017.

In his practice, Freestone represents and advises small, medium and large employers, corporations, and healthcare practitioners in employment disputes, litigation and trial. This includes representing clients in employment-related litigation involving claims of discrimination, wrongful termination, harassment, and wage and hour violations. He also counsels employers on employment-related issues and claims, and has represented employers involving employment-related civil restraining orders. In addition to serving as secretary, his experience as an SDCBA leader includes chairing the Association's Ethnic Relations & Diversity Committee and Diversity Fellowship Program, and he has also served as a board member of the Tom Homann LGBT Law Association.

"The SDCBA is the central connection point for lawyers in San Diego, and the hub of our legal community," said Freestone. "Each and every lawyer and SDCBA member contributes something unique to the organization's vibrancy and success. I am honored and privileged to serve my peers in this capacity."

Kristin Rizzo, of The Rizzo Law Firm, has been elected to the position of president-elect, and will serve as SDCBA president in 2018. 2016 President Heather Riley will serve on the board for an additional year as immediate past president.

Additionally, attorneys Frank Barone, Renée Galente, Patricia Hollenbeck, Garrison "Bud" Klueck and Christopher Lawson have been elected by the SDCBA's membership to serve three-year terms on the board. Stephanie Chow, Jodi Cleesattle, Roger Haerr, Srinivas Hanumadass, Rick Layon, Lily McCoy, Jan Maiden, Dino Paraskevopoulos, Anna Romanskaya, and Johanna Schiavoni will continue their service on the board in 2017. The chair of the Association's Forum for Emerging Lawyers, will also serve a one-year term on the board.

The 2017 SDCBA Board of Directors will take part in an installation ceremony at Stepping Up to the Bar, the Association's annual holiday reception. This year's event will be held at 401 West A Street in the lobby beginning at 5:30 p.m. and is complimentary for SDCBA members.

Directors are elected at large by the membership for three-year terms, with one director elected from East County, one from South Bay and one from North County.

Founded in 1899, the San Diego County Bar Association is the region's oldest and largest law-related organization and the hub of the city's legal community, headquartered in downtown San Diego.

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