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LILYS MCCOY TO LEAD SAN DIEGO COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION IN 2019

New Board Members Elected, Installation Ceremony at Stepping Up to the Bar December 6

SAN DIEGO (November 14, 2018) — Lilys McCoy, a Program Director and Instructor at Thomas Jefferson School of Law, will serve as President of the San Diego County Bar Association (SDCBA) for 2019.

McCoy, who has been with Thomas Jefferson School of Law since 2012, runs the school's Center for Solo Practitioners and Solo Practice Concentration, a lawyer accelerator program designed to increase access to justice. She also is the supervisor of the school's national trial team which competes in mock trial competitions throughout the United States. Previously, McCoy was a litigator who represented clients in consumer fraud cases. Her bar leadership experience at the SDCBA has included overseeing the organization's mentorship program and other programming for law students and new lawyers. McCoy's leadership experience also includes serving as the President of Lawyers Club of San Diego.

"The San Diego legal community is a special place. Our lawyers are dedicated not only to excellence in the practice of law, but also to supporting each other in this most noble and challenging of professions," said McCoy. "The SDCBA is uniquely positioned to serve justice by providing support and opportunities to its members, and I am looking forward to setting the bar even higher."

Johanna Schiavoni has been elected to succeed Lilys as the Bar's 2020 president and will serve as President-Elect in 2019. Schiavoni is an appellate attorney and sole practitioner who handles high-stakes civil appeals and represents indigent criminal litigants as appointed by the court. She also served as the 2013-2014 President of Lawyers Club of San Diego, and since March, she has served on the board of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.

Additionally, attorneys Marissa Bejarano, Hon. Victor Bianchini (ret.), Nicholas Fox, A. Melissa Johnson and Khodadad "Ko" Sharif have been elected by the SDCBA's membership to serve three-year terms on the Board. Judy Bae, Frank Barone, Patricia Hollenbeck, Garrison "Bud" Klueck, Christopher Lawson, Linh Lam, David Majchrzak, Teodora Purcell, and Renée Stackhouse will continue their service on the Board in 2019. The Chair of the Association's New Lawyer Forum Mellania Safarian will also serve a one-year term on the Board. Current SDCBA President Kristin Rizzo will serve as Immediate Past President in 2019.

The 2019 SDCBA Board of Directors will take part in an installation ceremony at Stepping Up to the Bar, the Association's annual holiday reception, on December 6. This year's event will be held at the New Children's Museum at 200 West Island Avenue at 5:30 p.m. and is open to all 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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