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SDCBA WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JILL EPSTEIN

SAN DIEGO (March 12, 2019) — Attorney and experienced association executive Jill Epstein will become the San Diego County Bar Association's (SDCBA) new Executive Director, effective March 20, 2019.

Epstein comes to the SDCBA from Miracle Babies, a foundation that provides financial and emotional support to families with critically ill babies in the NICU, where she currently serves as the Executive Director. Previously, Epstein spent nearly seven years as the Executive Director of the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, an independent professional organization representing the interests of 32,000 licensed marriage and family therapists. She also served as the first Chief Operating Officer of the California Massage Therapy Council, an organization created by the California Legislature to develop and implement statewide voluntary certification for massage therapists. Epstein earned her Juris Doctor degree in 1992 and has spent her entire career in non-profit organizations, including the American Medical Association, AARP and the Chartered Financial Analysts (CFA) Society of Chicago.

"Jill Epstein is a highly-regarded and highly-accomplished professional association executive," said Lily McCoy, 2019 SDCBA President. "Her background and experience make her an ideal fit for the Executive Director role at the SDCBA, and she brings a unique perspective to our operations and governance. This is the beginning of an exciting new chapter for the SDCBA, and we are very proud to have Jill at the helm."

Epstein was selected for the Executive Director position following a 5-month national search conducted with the assistance of a search firm specializing in placing high-level association executives. The search attracted applicants from across the country, and finalists were vetted and interviewed by a demographically diverse committee representing the SDCBA's membership by experience level, area of practice, and involvement in the SDCBA and broader San Diego community.

"San Diego has a very special and collaborative legal community and I'm excited to be a part of an organization that is nationally recognized for being so bold and innovative," said Epstein. "I look forward to working with the Bar's leadership to continue serving the evolving needs of the membership and furthering the Association's goals."

An active participant in the greater San Diego community, Epstein serves on the Solana Beach School District Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and also volunteers as a driver for the "Rides and Smiles" program of Jewish Family Service of San Diego. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan and her law degree from the American University – Washington College of Law in Washington D.C. Epstein is a member of the District of Columbia Bar, the American Society of Association Executives, and the California Society of Association Executives.

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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