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KRISTIN RIZZO TO LEAD SAN DIEGO COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION IN 2018

New Board Members Elected, Installation Ceremony at Stepping Up to the Bar December 1

SAN DIEGO (November 15, 2017) — Kristin Rizzo, a solo practitioner with her own law firm, Rizzo Law, will serve as President of the San Diego County Bar Association (SDCBA) for 2018.

In her employment law and mediation practice, Rizzo represents individuals in litigation matters in the areas of wrongful termination, discrimination, harassment, retaliation, failure to accommodate, contract and wage and hour disputes. She provides specialized counsel to employees on internal workplace matters, employment contracts, severance and separation agreements, as well as leaves of absence and strategic positioning. Her work as a neutral includes working as both a workplace investigator and mediator.

Rizzo's leadership in the SDCBA includes serving as the Association's Treasurer in 2015, Co-Chair of the Labor and Employment Section in 2013, and President of the New Lawyers Division in 2010. She was also instrumental in restructuring the organization's Section/Committee Council. Her volunteer work also includes serving as a pro bono mediator for the Department of Fair Employment and Housing.

"As a solo practitioner, I've found so many vital connections through the SDCBA," said Rizzo. "We have such a unique and congenial professional community here in San Diego, and I'm excited for what's to come in 2018. Thank you to my peers for the honor of letting me serve as President."

Lilys McCoy, Director of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law Center for Solo Practitioners and Director of the Epstein, Grinnell, & Howell Trial Advocacy Program, has been elected to the position of President-Elect, and will serve as SDCBA President in 2019. 2017 President Loren Freestone will serve on the Board for an additional year as Immediate Past President.

Additionally, attorneys Judy Bae, Dave Fox, Linh Lam, David Majchrzak and Teodora Purcell have been elected by the SDCBA's membership to serve three-year terms on the Board. Frank Barone, Stephanie Chow, Renée Galente, Srinivas Hanumadass, Patricia Hollenbeck, Garrison "Bud" Klueck, Christopher Lawson, Jan Maiden, Anna Romanskaya, and Johanna Schiavoni will continue their service on the Board in 2018. The Chair of the Association's New Lawyer Forum, Michael Finstad, will also serve a one-year term on the Board.

The 2018 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 1. This year's event will be held at the Museum of Contemporary Art at 1100 Kettner Boulevard at 5:00 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.

