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Stringer appointed to serve as Acting County Counsel

The Board of Supervisors on Tuesday appointed Assistant County Counsel Ruth E. Stringer to serve as Acting County Counsel effective today.

Ms. Stringer succeeds Dennis L. Wagner, who was appointed Interim County Counsel on May 3, 2006, following the retirement of County Counsel Ron Reitz. Mr. Wagner is returning to private practice.

Ms. Stringer joined the county in 1978 as an Employee Relations Officer and began her career in the County Counsel's Office in 1983 as a Deputy County Counsel. From 1989 to 2003 she served as a Chief Deputy County Counsel, and was appointed Assistant County Counsel in 2003.

"The county is very fortunate to have someone of Ruth Stringer's experience and intelligence available to fulfill this very important role," said Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Paul Biane. "The county is constantly involved in a variety of issues that require top-notch legal advice, and we are very confident in Ruth's ability to guide us through these challenges."

Supervisor Biane also commended Mr. Wagner for taking time away from his private practice to serve as Interim County Counsel immediately following Mr. Reitz's retirement. "Mr. Wagner is a seasoned litigator, and that experience served us well during the latest Colonies trial and other legal matters in which the county was involved during the past six months," Biane said.

County Counsel reports directly to the Board of Supervisors and directs a staff of 50 attorneys who provide professional legal services to all county departments and other local governmental entities such as San Bernardino Associated Governments and the County Superintendent of Schools. County Counsel is also the chief legal adviser to the Board of Supervisors and County Administrative Officer.

Ms. Stringer holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois, and received her juris doctorate as a magna cum laude graduate of the University of La Verne. She is a resident of Redlands.