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## Supervisors name Ruth Stringer to County Counsel post

The Board of Supervisors on Tuesday appointed Ruth E. Stringer to serve as County Counsel, a post she has held in an acting capacity since Nov. 8, 2006.

"This was one of the easier decisions the Board of Supervisors has faced recently because Ruth Stringer has done an excellent job since being named Acting County Counsel four months ago," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Paul Biane. "Ruth is always available to Board members with timely and sound legal advice. Having her in this post on a permanent basis will provide the Board, the Office of County Counsel, and the entire County organization with confidence and stability."

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.

"We all benefit from Ruth's command of government law and her institutional memory," said Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Gary Ovitt. "We are very fortunate to have had a high-quality professional from within the County available to step into this important role."

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.

"I am grateful to the Board for its confidence and this special honor," Ms. Stringer said. "And I am especially thankful to the professionals in County Counsel, to whose outstanding work I owe this appointment."