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## **Brad Pauley of Horvitz & Levy to Head ABA Appellate Lawyers' Group**

Brad Pauley, partner at Horvitz & Levy LLP, has been named chair-elect of the American Bar Association's Council of Appellate Lawyers.



**BRAD PAULEY**  
*Attorney*

The council is part of the ABA's Appellate Judges Conference and is the first and only national appellate bench-bar organization, according to the ABA's website. Its stated mission is to improve appellate advocacy by promoting dialogue between appellate lawyers and judges.

Pauley said in a release:

"I'm honored to be named Chair-elect of the Council. I look forward to working with my fellow members to create programs and opportunities for judges and lawyers to work together in furthering the organization's mission of enhancing the quality and integrity of the appellate process."

Pauley has been active with the council since 2003 and most recently served as its secretary. As the council chair, he will help to oversee the organization's numerous advocacy and legal education initiatives.

In addition to his role with the Council of Appellate Lawyers, he also serves as vice-chair of the Appellate Courts Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

•**Los Angeles Superior Court** commissioners have elected Martin Gladstein and Steff Padilla as their representatives to the court's Executive Committee, Presiding Judge David Wesley informed the court's judicial officers.

•**The California Bar Foundation** has appointed five California attorneys and an appellate jurist as new members of its Board of Directors, and reappointed 11 other members.

The new board members include Aimee Contreras-Camua, partner with Sidley Austin LLP; Third District Court of Appeal Justice Elena Duarte; Alilda Ferraro, senior counsel with Wells Fargo; Paven Malhotra, partner with Kecker Van Nest LLP; John Lim, partner with Lim, Ruger; and Chris Schneider, executive director of Central California Legal Services, Inc.

Their terms will begin on Jan. 1.

Frederick Brown, president of the California Bar Foundation and a partner with Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP, said the foundation was "thrilled to add new leaders with wide-ranging expertise and extensive professional and personal networks to our board."

•**Nanette Barragan**, an associate at Alvarado Smith, was sworn in Nov., 26 as the newest member of the Hermosa Beach City Council. Ambassador-designate to Belize Carlos Moreno administered the oath of office.

Barragan served as an extern to Moreno during his service on the California Supreme Court.



Retired California Supreme Court Justice Carlos Moreno administers the oath of office to Nannette Barragan, newly elected member of the Hermosa Beach City Council, on Nov. 26.

•**Manuel “Manny” Medrano**, partner at the Los Angeles firm of Medrano & Carlton, has joined the Board of Directors of Justice at Stake, a non-profit organization that describes itself as “a nonpartisan group dedicated to keeping courts fair and impartial.”

Medrano served as a federal prosecutor in Los Angeles for 10 years. He also served as a Supreme Court and legal affairs correspondent for ABC News in Washington, D.C.

Bert Brandenburg, executive director of Justice at Stake, said:

“Mr. Medrano is a welcome addition to our Board. Not only has he distinguished, multifaceted experience in the law, he also was the first Latino to serve in the U.S.

Supreme Court press corps. Justice at Stake works hard to increase diversity on the bench, an objective that Mr. Medrano understands better than many others.”

•**Former State Bar President Jeffrey L. Bleich** has rejoined the firm of Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP as a partner resident in its San Francisco office.

He will focus on international and domestic litigation and counseling, with a particular focus on privacy and data security, investigations, trade and cross-border disputes.

Bleich recently completed four years of service as the U.S. ambassador to Australia. Immediately prior to his nomination for ambassador in 2009, Bleich served as special counsel to President Obama.

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