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Oakland Deputy City Attorney Named President-Elect of National Bar Association

OAKLAND, CA – The Oakland City Attorney’s Office congratulates Deputy City Attorney Demetrius Shelton after his election as President of the National Bar Association, an organization that represents a network of more than 44,000 predominately African American attorneys, judges, legal scholars and law students worldwide.

Shelton, a litigator in the City Attorney’s Office, was overwhelmingly elected by the members of the National Bar Association. He was announced as President-Elect at the organization’s 84th Annual Convention in San Diego last month, and will be sworn in as president of the association in 2010.

“On behalf of the entire City Attorney’s Office, I congratulate Demetrius for his leadership of the National Bar Association,” City Attorney John Russo said. “He has been a great representative for the City of Oakland and I strongly support his efforts to bring more people of color to the legal profession.”

Shelton ran on a platform of preserving the National Bar Association’s mission and promoting its commitment to progressive change and equal opportunity for all. He previously served on the NBA’s Board of Governors and most recently held the position of Vice President of Regions and Affiliates. The National Bar Association, founded in 1925, is the nation’s oldest and largest network of minority attorneys and judges.

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