



Press Advisory

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**DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY ELECTED VP OF NATIONAL BAR ASSN.
Deputy Oakland City Attorney Demetrius Shelton will help lead international
association of lawyers and judges of color**

OAKLAND – The Oakland City Attorney's Office congratulates Deputy City Attorney Demetrius Shelton after his election as Vice 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, takes over as VP after being elected at the organization's 82nd annual convention in July. Shelton ran on a platform of diversifying the legal profession and the judiciary and expanding the membership of the National Bar Association, among other issues. He is the former president of the California Association of Black Lawyers and the former vice president of the governing board of the State Bar of California.

"This election was well-deserved," Oakland City Attorney John Russo said. "I have no doubt that Demetrius Shelton will do an outstanding job as a leader of the National Bar Association. 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."

The Oakland City Attorney's Office continues to be one of the most diverse legal teams in the country with 78 percent women and 65 percent people of color on staff.

"I am proud and honored to serve as Vice President of the National Bar Association, an association of highly skilled and dedicated professionals," Shelton said. "I look forward to driving efforts which will serve to enhance jurisprudence, promote justice and ensure equality under the law."
