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Deputy City Attorney Appointed to Serve as U.S. Magistrate Judge

OAKLAND, CA – City Attorney Barbara J. Parker today congratulated Kandis Westmore, a veteran law & motion lawyer in the Oakland City Attorney’s Office, for her appointment as the next United States Magistrate in Oakland.

The United States District Court for Northern District of California announced Westmore’s selection last week. She is expected to begin her service in the near future.

Westmore graduated from University of San Francisco Law School in 1997 and joined the Oakland City Attorney’s Office in 1999. She has handled code enforcement, advice and general civil litigation for the City of Oakland and its employees. For the past six years she has crafted and argued trial and appellate court motions on a wide range of legal issues in federal and state court. In 2007, she secured an injunction requiring the city’s contractor to pick up garbage during a strike that triggered a public health and safety crisis.

“Kandis is an example of the high caliber of attorneys this office has hired and developed,” City Attorney Parker said today. “Her appointment as Magistrate is a well-deserved recognition of her impressive skills and fine judicial temperament. Kandis’ masterful advocacy has saved the City millions of dollars over the years, securing dismissal of many claims and cases. On behalf of the entire City Attorney’s Office, I extend our heartfelt congratulations to her. Kandis will be an invaluable asset to the Court, and her departure will be a major loss to the City of Oakland.”

Westmore currently serves as Vice President of the Alameda County Bar Association (ACBA) and was recently elected to serve as ACBA President in 2012. She also volunteers for the ACBA Volunteer Legal Services Corporation’s Pro Bono Program representing low income individuals who otherwise cannot afford representation in family law cases.

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