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**Judges Select Kate Lewis as Commissioner**

**Santa Ana, Calif.** – The Judges of the Orange County Superior Court selected Kate Lewis as Commissioner, announced Presiding Judge Charles Margines. Commissioners serve as subordinate judicial officers of the Court. They may be assigned to hear cases such as family, juvenile, traffic, small claims, and landlord/tenant matters.

Ms. Lewis has been a Deputy Public Defender in Orange County since 1996, where she represented indigent people accused of felonies and misdemeanors, youth victims of human trafficking, and participants of drug and D.U.I. court. She mentored attorneys new to the Orange County Public Defender’s Office. She earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History/Political Science from Duke University.

After taking the oath of office this morning, Ms. Lewis begins her duties today. The annual salary for a Commissioner is \$160,680.

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