

February 2, 1994  
REPORT TO THE HONORABLE  
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

APPOINTMENT OF JANIS SAMMARTINO TO THE BENCH

I am pleased to inform you that yesterday Governor Wilson appointed Senior Chief Deputy City Attorney Janis L. Sammartino to the Municipal Court in the San Diego Judicial District. Judge Sammartino will take her oath of office at 4:00 this afternoon.

The appointment is well deserved. The Governor could not have made a better choice. Janis Sammartino's distinguished career as a municipal lawyer is a positive indication that her judicial career will be outstanding. I am sure you join me and her colleagues in the City Attorney's Office in extending to her the heartiest of congratulations.

It is not without regret however, that we see Janis leave us. She has been an important player on the City Attorney team. Her outstanding professional talents, personality, friendship and compassion will be impossible to replace.

Janis Sammartino became a deputy in our Criminal Division on February 17, 1976. After nearly two years as a prosecutor, she was transferred to the Planning and Property Division on January 16, 1978. In the ensuing 16 years, she became a recognized expert in redevelopment and land use law. On August 31, 1991, Janis was appointed Senior Chief Deputy and placed in charge of our three "advisory" divisions. While maintaining a full professional workload in her fields of expertise, she was also an important member of the office's management team. Regrettably, she stands as the 41st lawyer to leave our staff in the past two years.

Judge Sammartino will be undertaking a transition period for a brief period of time. Staff changes reflecting her departure will be announced as soon as they are made.

Respectfully submitted,  
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