



## Press Release

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**Subject :** Changes in City Attorney's Office

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REDONDO BEACH, Calif.:

A number of recent changes have been made in the City Attorney's Office. Cheryl Park has been promoted to the position of Assistant City Attorney. Additionally two attorneys (Brenda Wells and Sydne Michel) have been hired as Deputy City Prosecutors in the Prosecution Division of the City Attorney's Office.

Ms. Park has served as a Deputy City Attorney in Redondo Beach since 1999 and has worked in both the City Prosecutor and General Legal Administration Divisions of the Office. Previously, she worked as a Research Attorney for the Honorable Judge David P. Yaffe from 1997 to 1999. Ms. Park received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Southern California and her Juris Doctorate from Western State University, *Cum Laude*.

Brenda Wells joins the Redondo Beach City Attorney's Office from the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office where she was a Deputy District Attorney for over six years. Her prior legal experience also includes working as a Deputy District Attorney in Riverside County and as a law clerk for the United States District Court. Ms. Wells received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of California at Los Angeles, and her Juris Doctorate from Southwestern University School of Law

Sydne Michel was a criminal and civil litigation partner with the premier law firm of Kirkland & Ellis LLP. Ms. Michel has supervised the Trial Advocacy Prosecution Program (TAPP) for eight years, has personally prosecuted over twenty criminal trials in South Bay courtrooms, and has trained many other lawyers in the program. Also at Kirkland & Ellis, Ms. Michel was Staff Counsel to the Police Commission for the Rampart Independent Review Panel. Ms. Michel received her undergraduate *Cum Laude* degree from UCLA and her Juris Doctor degree from Loyola Law School.

City Attorney Mike Webb stated that "We are very fortunate to have such talented attorneys with such diverse legal backgrounds working in our office. These three attorneys all have been successful in their legal careers thus far and are committed to serving our local community here in Redondo Beach".