

It's my pleasure tonight to introduce to you our new County Counsel, Andrea Sheridan Ordin.

I have to use my notes because Andrea has such a stellar background that without them I probably would not remember them all.

Let me begin.

Andrea went to UCLA, my alma mater, for her undergraduate work and for law school.

She's had an amazing career which has spanned 45 years.

She was with the District Attorney's Office where she had administratively responsibility for over 60 lawyers.

She's served as the US Attorney for the Central District of California, only the 3rd woman to be appointed to that position. She supervised my brother when he was there.

She was Chief Assistant Attorney General in the Division of Public Rights, supervising 140 lawyers. She had significant successes in civil rights litigation, including a school desegregation case against Bakersfield and San Diego; a discrimination lawsuit against employment agencies; and a successful suit on behalf of farm workers against the Dept. of Agriculture.

She's served as the executive director of the Los Angeles County Bar Assn.; Southern California Counsel for the Fair Political Practices Commission; Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners; on Christopher Commission investigating the Rodney King incident.

Her appointment is a number of first:

First County Counsel selected from outside the Office.

First woman to be appointed County Counsel.

First Mexican American to be appointed County Counsel.

First person to have supervised two Wu brothers.

There's an old Chinese proverb that says: "If there is a strong general, there will be no weak soldiers."

With this background and her leadership capabilities, we're going to have a very strong office.

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