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L.A. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES ELECT NEW COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER/CLERK

Judges of the Los Angeles Superior Court overwhelmingly voted to appoint veteran court executive Sherri R. Carter as their Executive Officer/Clerk, succeeding John A. Clarke, who retired March 31, 2013. Carter is presently the Court Executive Officer for the Riverside Superior Court. She also served as the Executive Officer and Clerk of Court of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, the largest federal district in the nation, and as the Trial Court Executive and Clerk of Court for the Eighth Circuit Court for the State of Utah. She graduated summa cum laude with a degree in business administration from the University of California at Riverside.

“I could not be more pleased to announce that Sherri Carter is our new executive officer,” said Presiding Judge David S. Wesley. “She is a proven leader at the state level, and an excellent trial court administrator with 19 years as an executive in the federal and state courts. Her achievements in technological innovation and court-community relations, coupled with her ability to encourage professionalism and creativity among her staff, will serve our Court well,” said Wesley.

Assistant Presiding Judge Carolyn Kuhl said, “Those who have worked with Ms. Carter emphasize her strong leadership abilities and the fact that her leadership style is inclusive and teamwork oriented. On the statewide level, she has tirelessly and effectively worked to strengthen the trial courts everywhere she has worked during her 30 years of service to the courts,” said Kuhl, “and she has successfully worked with judges to enhance the administration of justice.”

William Mitchell will continue to serve as Interim CEO until Carter takes office on Sept. 4, 2013.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

John A. Clarke, Executive Officer/Clerk
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GENERAL ORDER RE: FILING STAMPS AND TEMPLATES

John A. Clarke, Executive Officer/Clerk of the Los Angeles Superior Court has announced his retirement effective March 31, 2013, and it is anticipated that a new Executive Officer/Clerk may not be appointed by that date. The Court has produced and is using a large number of filing stamps and document templates that include the name of John A. Clarke as Executive Officer/Clerk, which will be costly to modify or replace pending the selection and appointment of a new Executive Officer/Clerk, as well as a number of preprinted and computer generated forms, including subpoenas and jury summons. Accordingly, in furtherance of justice and to conform such stamps, templates, forms, subpoenas, summons and other items, whether preprinted or computer generated, to law and justice, it is ordered that existing stamps, document templates, subpoenas and summons with the name of John A. Clarke as Executive Officer/Clerk of the Court continue to be used until such time as a new Executive Officer/Clerk is appointed, and that such stamps and templates be construed and understood to be used in the name of William Mitchell, Interim Executive Officer/Clerk of the Court.

A copy of this Order shall be posted on the Court's website.

Good cause appearing therefore, IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 7, 2013

David S. Wesley
Hon. David S. Wesley
Presiding Judge

