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**NEW PROGRAM CREATED AT DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO BENEFIT OUR COUNTY**

We are very pleased to announce the creation of a new Volunteer Attorney Externship Program at the District Attorney's Office.

Under this new program, attorneys will have the opportunity to receive practical courtroom experience while allowing the District Attorney's Office to expand services to the public at no additional cost. Participants in this program will be assigned misdemeanor caseloads and will work under the supervision of experienced prosecutors. Each volunteer attorney will commit to at least six months of full-time service to the District Attorney's Office; in exchange the attorneys will gain valuable trial experience in developing his or her courtroom skills. The Volunteer Attorney Externship Program is another way the District Attorney's Office is continuing to serve the public at the highest levels of legal representation without additional strain to the county budget.

District Attorney Joyce Dudley will be administering the oath of office to the first new attorney, in this program, on Thursday, September 30, 2010, at 11:00 a.m., in the 4th floor conference room of the District Attorney's Office, located at 1112 Santa Barbara Street.

County Supervisors and members of our local media are invited to attend this brief, but historic, ceremony.

The first participant in the Volunteer Attorney Externship Program, Kevin Weichbrod, is a local resident who has been one of this community's brightest stars. Mr. Weichbrod attended Santa Barbara High School and graduated from UCSB in 2005 with a Bachelor's degree in physics. During his years at UCSB he worked in the physics lab, where he gained a physics research award, before deciding to expand his horizons by attending California Western School of Law. During his legal studies Mr. Weichbrod was an officer of the Environmental Law Society, interned for the Intellectual Property Group at the law firm of Higgs, Fletcher, and Mack and was awarded by the Public Service Honors Society for his work at the Madge Bradley Restraining Order Clinic. He is certified to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. In his free time Mr. Weichbrod enjoys beach volleyball, waterskiing, hiking, basketball, guitar, and traveling.

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