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Assistant Chief Deputy Public Defender Appointed

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County Public Defender Barry Melton recently announced the appointment of Tracie Olson as the department’s Assistant Chief Deputy Public Defender. This newly created position was recently approved by the Board of Supervisors in response to increased demands on the Public Defender’s office due to the reorganization of the courts.

“I am proud to have Tracie Olson on our office management team,” said Barry Melton. “She is a uniquely gifted, competent, and well-respected lawyer. I have every confidence she will prove to be an extraordinary leader.”

Ms. Olson graduated with honors from the University of California, Davis with a Bachelors of Science in managerial economics. She earned her Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School and was inducted into the Order of the Coif, an honorary society reserved for those who graduate in the top ten percent of their class. Her internships were served at the University of Minnesota, Misdemeanor Criminal Defense Clinic, Hennepin County Public Defender’s Office in Minneapolis, and South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project (ProBAR) in Harlingen, Texas.

Ms. Olson has held a position with the Yolo County’s Public Defender’s Office since 1998, serving as an Attorney IV, the highest journey-level trial lawyer.

“I appreciate and value the trust expressed by the people who have worked with me over the years,” said Tracie Olson. “I look forward to meeting the new challenges that wait.”

Ms. Olson’s assignments include cases involving allegations of serious criminal conduct. She is presently assigned as co-counsel in a capital case.

The annual salary range for this position is \$102,324-124,380.

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