

**LEGAL AID SOCIETY**  
OF SAN MATEO COUNTY  
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**THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF SAN MATEO COUNTY ANNOUNCES  
APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**San Mateo, CA, November 8, 2011** - The Board of Directors of The Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County is pleased to announce that Interim Executive Director M. Stacey Hawver has accepted the permanent leadership position of Executive Director.

Ms. Hawver has a long-standing relationship with Legal Aid. In 1990, she joined Legal Aid as a staff attorney and in 2002 assumed the role of Executive Director. In December of 2009, Ms. Hawver stepped down as Executive Director to pursue interests in the technology area. In June 2011, Ms. Hawver assumed the role of Interim Executive Director to help Legal Aid through a transitional period. "I am excited and honored to once again lead this tremendous organization. I have a renewed energy and vision for Legal Aid and I am looking forward to ensuring our future success," said Hawver.

"Stacey's experience and commitment to Legal Aid coupled with her reputation among our constituents is a tremendous asset to our organization," said David C. Wilson, President of the Board of Directors. "Stacey has been a driving force in the success of Legal Aid in the past," continued Wilson. "We couldn't be more excited to be able to utilize Stacey's strengths and vision to lead us through our strategic planning initiative and take our organization to the next level."

Hawver's appointment is effective October 28, 2011.

**About Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County**

The Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County is a private, non-profit law firm that provides free legal services to disadvantaged people in San Mateo County. Since its founding in 1959, Legal Aid has improved the lives of over 175,000 low-income clients in matters involving housing, employment, education, consumer law, family law, and health and government benefits. To find out more about The Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County visit our website at [www.legalaidsmc.org](http://www.legalaidsmc.org).

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