

Associate Justice Maria Rivera Honored by The Bar Association of San Francisco's Barristers Club at 28th Annual Judges Reception

July 26, 2012 – San Francisco -- The Barristers Club of The Bar Association of San Francisco presented its Tara L. Riedley Barristers Choice Award at the 28th Annual Judges Reception on July 26, 2012, to Associate Justice Maria Rivera of the First District Court of Appeal. This award is given each year to one judge serving in San Francisco to recognize his or her extraordinary efforts to educate and encourage young lawyers that are new to the practice of law and the courtroom. In addition, the award recognizes work done outside the courtroom in support of programs of the Barristers Club.

More than 300 members of the legal community, including fifty state and federal judges and their clerks, attended the Judges Reception which was held in the Green Room of the San Francisco War Memorial and Performing Arts Center.

Justice Rivera's involvement in the community includes taking leadership in numerous legal and community organizations, including the State Bar of California Legal Services Trust Fund, Invest in Kids, and the Latino Leadership Forum. She has also been recognized for her long-term commitment to improving access to justice throughout her career. Rivera received her B.A. from Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, and her J.D. from the University of San Francisco Law School.

From 1974 - 1978, Rivera was an Associate with the firm Morrison & Foerster. In 1978 and 1979, she was Deputy District Attorney for the City and County of San Francisco, and in 1979 - 1981, she served as Assistant U.S. Attorney with the Department of Justice in San Francisco. Rivera was Partner with the firm McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen from 1981 - 1996. Previous judicial experience includes a judgeship with the Contra Costa County Superior Court from January 1997 until her appointment to the Courts of Appeal in January 2002. Justice Rivera is also a member of the California Committee on Judicial Ethics Opinions.

The Barristers Club is proud to recognize Justice Rivera's commitment to helping develop young attorneys, and for her passion and dedication to serving the community.

Proceeds from the Judges Reception help the Barristers Club expand its efforts to serve the community through volunteering, mentoring of Bay Area students and increasing diversity in the legal profession.

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