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TO: Members, Committee on Regulation and Discipline Oversight (RAD)

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SUBJECT: Status Report From the Office of Chief Trial Counsel (OCTC)

I wanted to use this month's OCTC report to introduce myself to all of you. I joined OCTC a little more than a year ago, as Assistant Chief in San Francisco. Last September, I assumed additional duties as Acting Deputy Chief, and those duties increased this past January.

I take seriously the trust placed in me to serve as Interim Chief. I will do everything that I can to prove that that trust was well placed.

I am looking forward to working with all of you and with Bar executive leadership. I know that, now and historically, the Trustees have always been big supporters of our office. I want to make sure that your support is well deserved and that it continues.

My goals for the time that I serve as Interim CTC are, most fundamentally, to maintain an office that protects the public and to assure that attorney discipline gets applied in a fair and evenhanded manner. I also intend to make sure that the office maintains the high standards for work quality on which the office has worked so hard over the past several years. We will also take opportunities, where available, to improve the quality of our work, and, where possible, to make our work more efficient.

I appreciate that this is a time of significant change and challenges for our office and for the Bar as a whole. We will all have to consider the recommendations for workforce planning and class & compensation, and to figure out how to use the recommendations to implement positive changes. In addition, we are on the brink of the development of a new and current case management system for which we have a great need. Despite these changes and challenges, I will work as hard as I can to foster an atmosphere where my colleagues can focus on the important work that we do.