

CUIC Annual Holiday Luncheon

December 9, 2015

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You are Cordially Invited to Join Us
Wednesday, December 9, 2015

LOCATION & TIME:
The Tam O'Shanter
Bonnie Prince Charlie Room
2980 Los Feliz Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90039

12:00 pm Social
12:30 pm Luncheon
3:00 pm Adjourn

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION:

CALIFORNIA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BOARD UPDATE

Presented by

Elena Gonzales, Executive Director/ Chief ALJ for the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board

Robert Dresser, Board Chair for the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board
SPEAKER BIOS:

Elena Gonzales was appointed Chief Administrative Law Judge and Executive Director of CUIAB in September 2013. Chief Gonzales joined CUIAB in 2004 as an Administrative Law Judge, and has served as an Assistant Chief handling judicial complaints, ethical issues, operational standardization, and best practices. She also has served as a Presiding Judge in Field Operations and an Acting Presiding Judge in the Office of Tax Petitions, the Oakland Office of Appeals, and the San Jose Office of Appeals.

After graduating from UC Davis, King Hall School of Law in 1978, Chief Gonzales worked as a Deputy District Attorney for Riverside County. She worked for a small land use law firm in San Diego County, and later, she was a litigator for a major international law firm in Los Angeles, defending wrongful termination and insurance bad faith defense matters. Prior to coming to CUIAB, Chief Gonzales was an Assistant Chief for the State Bar of California in Los Angeles, where she was responsible for the prosecution of attorneys for ethical misconduct.

On July 1, 2014 the Governor reappointed Robert Dresser to the Board where he has served as member and Chair since 2011.

Robert Dresser brings an enormous amount of experience and familiarity with CUIAB to the department. He most recently served as Enforcement Counsel for the Contractors State Licensing Board from 2007 until his appointment as Chair of CUIAB. From 2002 to 2007, he served as General Counsel to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA). This agency oversees CUIAB and the Employment Development Department. He previously served as Chief Counsel (and former Interim Director) to the Department of Information Technology (DOIT) where he served as a senior legal advisor to the Director and State Chief Information Officer.

From 1992 to 2001, Chair Dresser was an Administrative Law Judge at CUIAB assigned to the Appellate Unit. From 1975 to 1992, he held different assignments at the Agricultural Labor Relations Board (ALRB). From 1984 to 1992, he was ALRB Senior Board Counsel III and from 1981 to 1987, he was the Supervising Attorney for the ALRB Office of the Executive Secretary. From 1978 to 1981, he was the Director of the ALRB Office of Agency Communications. Between 1976 to 1978, Chair Dresser served as the Regional Director of ALRB's Fresno Office after starting at ALRB in 1975 as a Staff Counsel. Chair Dresser began his California legal career in 1969 as an attorney for Community Legal Services in San Jose, California.

Prior to practicing law in California, Chair Dresser served as a VISTA lawyer in Austin, Texas and was instrumental in the start of the Texas Rural Legal Aid program. He is a graduate of Stanford Law School and holds a Bachelor of Arts from Dartmouth College.

GREAT PRESENTATION, GREAT FOOD, GREAT PRIZES

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