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Lawyers Club Endorses Two San Diego Court Judges for Reelection

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Lawyers Club of San Diego endorses two judicial candidates in the June 7 election for contested San Diego County Superior Court seats. The Lawyers Club Board of Directors has voted to endorse **Hon. James A. Mangione**, who is seeking reelection for Seat No. 25; and **Hon. Keri G. Katz**, who is seeking reelection for Seat No. 38.

Any judicial candidate may seek Lawyers Club's support or endorsement, and Lawyers Club's Judicial Elections Endorsement Committee evaluates each candidate who seeks endorsement and makes recommendations to the board, which makes the final decision.

Mangione was appointed as a judge on the San Diego Superior Court in 2015. He is currently assigned to the Vista Courthouse where he presides over criminal arraignments. Prior to being appointed to the bench, Mangione spent more than 30 years as a well-respected San Diego attorney. He served as a partner at the law firm of Wingert, Grebing, Brubaker & Juskie LLP for 13 years where he tried complex cases involving catastrophic injury, product liability and property damage. He has also had a solo practice and has been a senior trial lawyer with Luna, Brownwood & Rice. Mangione has been listed in the "Best Lawyers in America" since 2002 and has been named one of the "Best Lawyers in San Diego" by San Diego Magazine since 2003. He serves on the board of directors of the San Diego Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates, and he was recently inducted into the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers. You can read more about his biography and campaign at his website:

<http://www.electjudgemangione.com/>

Katz was appointed as a judge on the San Diego Superior Court in January 2014. She previously served as a Superior Court Commissioner for approximately 7 years, presiding over criminal civil and family court matters. As an attorney, Katz served the public for more than 20 years. Her career began as a San Diego Deputy City Attorney, prosecuting hundreds of criminal cases including several jury trials, and she later handled complex civil trial matters in both the state and federal courts. Katz was promoted to several leadership positions within the City Attorney's Office. She has been honored with a number of awards including the Family Law Bar Association's "Judicial Officer Recognition Award," the City's Partnership Award, and a proclamation of "Keri Katz Day" in the City of San Diego. As an attorney, Katz achieved the

highest peer rating for legal ability and ethical standards. You can read more about her biography and campaign at her website: <http://electjudgekatz.com/>.

About Lawyers Club of San Diego

Lawyers Club, founded in 1972 with the mission “to advance the status of women in the law and society,” has more than 1,300 members comprised of female and male attorneys, judges, elected officials, business owners, law students and others in the San Diego community who share Lawyers Club’s interests and goals. For more information about Lawyers Club and the Equality and Action Committee, visit www.lawyersclubsandiego.com.

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