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### CALIFORNIA PROSECUTORS NAME NEW CEO

Scott Thorpe, a 35-year veteran of the California Attorney General's office, has been named the Chief Executive Officer of the California District Attorneys Association, it was announced last week. Thorpe replaces David LaBahn who recently accepted a post with the National District Attorneys Association in Washington, D.C., after five years at the helm of CDAА.

Thorpe, 59, worked under six California Attorneys General, beginning with Evelle Younger in 1972. As Special Assistant Attorney General, Thorpe served as liaison to the California District Attorneys Association and the law enforcement community for former Attorney General Bill Lockyer and current Attorney General Edmund G. Brown, Jr. working on issues ranging from DNA and Megan's Law to misconduct by public officials. He also served as one of the Attorney General's representatives to CDAА's Legislation Committee for the past five years.

"We are excited to have a person of Scott's surpassing legal experience and integrity as our new executive officer," said John Poyner, Colusa County District Attorney and 2007-08 CDAА President. "Scott's extensive experience in law enforcement issues and legislative affairs will be an enormous asset to CDAА and the people of California, he said.

Sonoma County District Attorney Stephan Passalacqua said, "I am glad a person of Scott Thorpe's caliber has been appointed to this important post. I'm looking forward to working with Scott at CDAА and know that our combined efforts will benefit Sonoma County residents."

The nation's largest state prosecutors' association, CDAА has more than 3,000 members including elected district attorneys and city attorneys, their deputies and deputies attorney general. The organization provides training for prosecutors and other law enforcement personnel and advocacy in the state Legislature on public safety and victims' issues. Thorpe will head a staff of 48 with offices in Sacramento and Riverside.

"As a deputy attorney general, I had the opportunity to prosecute cases in 29 of California's 58 counties, and have enjoyed a long association with CDAА," Thorpe said. "I am honored to have this opportunity to work with some of the nation's finest prosecutors as CDAА continues its distinguished history of advocacy for public safety," Thorpe added.