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**INLAND EMPIRE LATINO LAWYERS ASSOCIATION APPOINTS NEW
INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF ATTORNEY MONICA MAR**

The Inland Empire Latino Lawyers Association, Inc. ("IELLA"), a non-profit legal services provider serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, announces the selection of Monica Mar as its Interim Executive Director and Staff Attorney. Monica's appointment to the organization comes at a time when many residents of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties are experiencing an increased need for legal assistance resulting from the current economic downturn.

Monica is a graduate of UCLA School of Law. Prior to joining IELLA, Monica worked as a UCLA New Graduate Program Staff Attorney at A New Way of Life Reentry Clinic in Watts, CA. Ms. Mar also served as a judicial extern for Senior Judge Robert M. Takasugi in the Central District of California. During law school, Monica worked at Public Counsel in the Consumer Law Project. As a volunteer attorney at Community Lawyers, Inc., Monica established a monthly criminal record expungement clinic. Monica is also a veteran of the California Army National Guard.

IELLA'S HISTORY

IELLA was founded in 1978 by a group of attorneys who wanted to make legal services available to individuals that could not afford an attorney, did not speak English, or who could not read or write. Today this mission continues as clients are assisted with limited civil, family law, and small claims cases via legal aid clinics staffed by dedicated volunteer attorneys. All services are rendered free of charge in an effort to ease the financial burden of the working poor. Spanish interpretation is available at all IELLA clinics. Over the past 20 years, IELLA has assisted thousands of individuals and their families in gaining equal access to justice within the California court system.

Inland Empire Latino Lawyers Association is a recipient of federal funds awarded by Inland Counties Legal Services with the approval of the Legal Service Corporation. IELLA Legal Aid Project is located at 2060 University Ave., Suite 113, Riverside, CA 92507. For more information visit www.iellaaid.org or call (951) 369-3009.

