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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: March 14, 2017

To: The Honorable Chair and Members  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CHH", is written over the typed name "C.H. Huckelberry".

Re: **Appointment of Interim Pima County Public Defender**

Pima County Public Defender Steve Sonenberg has announced his retirement as of March 17, 2017; and I have asked Lori Lefferts, our Public Defense Services Director, to lead the hiring process for a new Public Defender. Ms. Lefferts posted the position and distributed the posting to various attorneys' organizations in the state. She will begin screening applications within the next few weeks.

I have appointed Chief Assistant Public Defender Kevin Burke to serve as interim Public Defender until a permanent replacement is selected, as recommended by Ms. Lefferts. Ms. Lefferts' recommendation, as well as Mr. Burke's resume, is attached for your information.

CHH/mjk

#### Attachments

c: Ellen Wheeler, Assistant County Administrator for Justice and Law  
Lori Lefferts, Director, Public Defense Services  
Kevin Burke, Interim Public Defender



PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES

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To: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator

Date: 3/9/2017

From: Lori J. Lefferts  
PDS Director

Re: Appointment of Interim Public Defender

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The Pima County Public Defender, Steve Sonenberg, has announced his retirement effective March 17, 2017. While the process to fill the position is ongoing, I recommend the appointment of Chief Assistant Public Defender, Kevin Burke, as Interim Public Defender. Mr. Burke has served as Chief Assistant to Mr. Sonenberg for the last year and a half, and had previously served as Trial Team Leader. He has been with the Public Defender's Office since 2005, and had prior criminal defense experience in California. Attached is his resume.

Attachment

c: Ellen Wheeler, Assistant County Administrator

# Kevin M. Burke

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## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

### **Pima County Public Defender, Tucson, AZ**

*Chief Assistant Public Defender, Sept. 2015- Present*

- Assist the Public Defender in administrative matters and co-counsel cases with newer attorneys

*Team Leader, Jan. 2015- Sept. 2015*

- Managed team of 15 attorneys and their staff while maintaining a reduced case load

*Assistant Public Defender, June 2005-Jan. 2015*

- Represented indigent defendants in all types of felony cases
- Awarded Outstanding Attorney Award by the Arizona Public Defender Association, 2014

### **The University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Tucson, AZ**

*Professor of Practice, Jan. 2014-Dec. 2015*

- Taught Criminal Law and the Criminal Defense Clinic to second-year and third-year law students

### **Orange County Alternate Defender, Santa Ana, CA**

*Deputy Alternate Defender, Sept. 2003-May 2005*

- Represented indigent defendants throughout criminal proceeding
- Awarded *Don Sims Attorney of the Year* for 2004

### **O'Melveny & Myers LLP, Los Angeles, CA**

*Associate Attorney, Sept. 2000-Sept. 2003; Summer Associate, May-Aug. 1999*

- Researched and drafted legal motions, reviewed disclosure, and interviewed witnesses for large civil actions and white-collar criminal cases
- Prosecuted cases for the **Redondo Beach City Attorney's Office** as part of TAPP Program

## EDUCATION

### **UCLA School of Law**

J.D., May 2000, GPA: 3.55

- Teaching Assistant for Lawyering Skills (1999-2000)
- Drafted Tribal Constitutions for Potter Valley and Coyote Valley in Indian Law Clinic (1999-2000)

### **California State University, Los Angeles**

M.A. Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, Dec. 1993, GPA: 4.0

- Awarded *Special Recognition in Graduate Studies*

### **San Francisco State University**

Teaching Credential (English and Mathematics), May 1990, GPA: 4.0

### **UC Berkeley**

B.A. English, May 1988, GPA: 3.3