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BOE CHIEF COUNSEL WINS LA COUNTY BAR AWARD

Board of Equalization Executive Director Ramon Hirsig today announced that Chief Counsel Kristine Cazadd has been given the Los Angeles County Bar Association's 2007 Award for Excellence by a Government Official.

The Award goes to an active government official that has made outstanding contributions in the taxation field, and recognizes significant contributions in the development of tax policy, the management of tax administration, and the interaction with the taxpaying community.

The award was presented last week at a Los Angeles event attended by over 300 guests including previous winner Controller John Chiang.

Cazadd has been with the Board of Equalization since 1992. She was promoted to the position of Chief Counsel in 2005. She holds degrees from the University of California at Los Angeles and the Santa Clara University Law School.

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects nearly \$53 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

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