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Commissioner Patti C. Ratekin Receives Honor

The Southern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers has named Commissioner Patti C. Ratekin the 2015 recipient of the Distinguished Jurist of the Year Award. Created in 1962, the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers is an organization designed to improve the practice of law and administration of justice in family law. The Academy honored Commissioner Ratekin for her hard work, dedicated service and commitment to families as a Commissioner in the San Diego County Superior Court, Family Law Division. Commissioner Ratekin received the award on Saturday January 17, 2015.

Commissioner Ratekin was appointed as a commissioner of the San Diego Superior Court in 2007. Prior to joining the court, she was a Certified Family Law Specialist for 13 years. She received her law degree from Western State University (now, Thomas Jefferson School of Law) after attending the University of California, San Diego. She received the Norby Award in 2004 from the San Diego County Certified Family Law Specialists and was named Attorney of the Year in 2006 by the Bar Association of Northern San Diego County. As an attorney she was heavily involved in numerous legal programs including serving as chair of the North County Minor's Counsel Panel and volunteering at the Family Law Facilitator's office in North County.

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In addition, she is an instructor for Judicial Education Programs in the area of family law and a frequent speaker for seminars presented by the Academy, the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists, the San Diego County Bar Association and other organizations.

Supervising Family Court Judge Maureen Hallahan says, "Commissioner Ratekin is tireless in her efforts to assure that families and children in San Diego receive the time and attention they need to resolve their issues in family court."

At the ceremony, Commissioner Ratekin expressed her sincere appreciation to the Academy for her selection as Distinguished Jurist of the Year for 2015.

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