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California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board Welcomes New Member

SACRAMENTO – The California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board is pleased to welcome its newest member, Ms. Kathleen Howard of Davis, California.

On December 1, 2011, California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board (CUIAB) Chair Robert Dresser swore in the new Senate Rules Committee appointee to the CUIAB Board. Kathleen “Katie” Howard replaces Board Member Denise Moreno Ducheny who stepped down to run for Congress. Senator Steinberg addressed the issue of CUIAB having appropriate staffing for the appellate process by moving quickly to replace Ms. Moreno Ducheny.

Ms. Howard has a Master’s degree in Public Policy from UC Berkeley, and a Bachelor of Arts in English from UC Irvine. For the past 21 years, she has served in various leadership capacities at the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), the staff agency to the Judicial Council of California. As a result, she brings a strong knowledge of the judiciary and the importance of preserving and protecting the due process rights of parties that come before CUIAB.

Ms. Howard’s skills will serve CUIAB and the workers and employers of California well, as she joins the other Board Members to provide due process for appeals of unemployment and disability insurance benefit decisions and employer tax assessments.

The seven-member Board is CUIAB’s governing body. Five members are appointed by the Governor, one is appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and one is appointed by the Senate President pro Tem. In 2010, the Board Members decided 31,232 cases, of which 29,830 involved unemployment benefits. In 2011, the Board Members have decided 33,068 cases for the year to date, and 31,461 of these involved unemployment benefits. In addition to the daily duties of reviewing and deciding appeals of judges’ decisions, the Board sets policy and approves the major activities of the agency.

The California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board was established by the Legislature in 1943 as a separate court system to provide due process for workers and employers who disagree with the Employment Development Department’s unemployment and disability insurance benefit decisions, and employer tax assessments. California is one of 47 states that provide workers and employers the right to two impartial reviews of benefit decisions.

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