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## Chief Ethics Officer Karen Gorman Named Acting Inspector General

(Nov. 15, 2007) Chief Ethics Officer Karen Gorman was today named acting Inspector General, succeeding William Waters who retired Oct. 22.



**Karen Gorman**

The announcement was made following a special Board meeting.

Gorman will serve in the post until a permanent appointment is made. She joined Metro in May 2000 to head the Office of Ethics and Lobby Registration.

Prior to joining Metro, she served as a deputy trial counsel for the State Bar. In that position, she prosecuted attorneys charged with violating the Rules of Professional Conduct. She also counseled attorneys on ethics, taught ethics, managed an attorney substance abuse program she created and negotiated discipline agreements. She supervised a staff of paralegals, investigators and clerks.

During a hiatus from the State Bar, Gorman served as an Auxiliary Legal Services attorney with the LA County Counsel's office, representing the Department of Children and Family Services in Dependency Court.

Gorman is a 1976 graduate of San Jose State University, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in business. She is a 1979 graduate of the Western State University College of Law in Fullerton, where she earned her juris doctor decree.

She was admitted to the State Bar of California and Northern Federal District Court in 1979 and to practice before the U.S. Supreme court in 1991.