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Interim general counsel for California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office named

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Chancellor Brice W. Harris today announced that Thuy Thi Nguyen, general counsel for the Peralta Community College District, has been named interim general counsel for the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

"Ms. Nguyen possesses impeccable legal credentials and a broad understanding of our system through her years of distinguished service and commitment to the California Community Colleges," said Harris. "This distinctive combination of expertise and legal acumen will make her a valued advisor at the Chancellor's Office as we pioneer a number of programs and policies that will reshape higher education in California."

Nguyen has served as general counsel at Peralta since 2003. She also held the roles of acting vice chancellor for human resources, district-wide strategic planning manager and legislative liaison at Peralta. In addition, she was interim president and chief executive officer of the California Community College League of California.

Nguyen has served as a member of the California State Bar's Council on Access and Fairness and helped design and implement the 2+2+3 Community Colleges Pathway to Law School initiative, an unprecedented diversity pipeline program involving the community colleges, four-year institutions and law schools. Nguyen was also instrumental in spearheading a Spanish-language court interpreter program at Laney College.

Nguyen was a recipient of the 2011 Trailblazer Award from the Vietnamese-American Bar Association of Northern California. In 2007, she was named one of eighteen "Best Lawyers Under 40" in the country by the National Asian American Bar Association. She has taught education law at California State University, East Bay.

Nguyen earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy at Yale University and a law degree at UCLA School of Law in 2000. She was a member of the inaugural class of the Public Interest Law and Policy Program at UCLA. In 1999, she was selected as a Paul Daisy Soros for New Americans Fellow.

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.1 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills education and prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions. The Chancellor's Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. For more information about the community colleges, please visit <http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/>, <https://www.facebook.com/CACommColleges>, or <https://twitter.com/CalCommColleges>.

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