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COMMISSION ANNOUNCES NEW GENERAL COUNSEL

SACRAMENTO – Beth Graybill, Interim Executive Director, Commission on Teacher Credentialing (Commission), announced the appointment of Nanette F. Rufo as General Counsel and Director of the Division of Professional Practices, effective September 12, 2011. Nanette Rufo succeeds Mary C. Armstrong who announced her retirement last month. The [Division of Professional Practices](#) supports the disciplinary work of the Commission and the Committee of Credentials.

Ms. Rufo, a graduate of McGeorge School of Law, brings a wealth of legal knowledge and insight to the Commission, including several years of experience in the 1990's at the Commission as Staff Counsel. Her legal experience spans over 30 years and includes Staff Counsel positions at the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, Department of Youth Authority and Fair Political Practices Commission, in addition to private practice.

“Nanette brings new leadership to the Division of Professional Practices,” said Ms. Graybill. “In addition to her extensive legal background, Nanette was part of team that successfully implemented the SMART¹ project, a major, multi-department technology project at the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs. This experience will be helpful in implementing the Commission’s [Teacher Discipline Improvement Initiative \(TDII\)](#). ”

The Commission’s TDII will streamline discipline workload processing and reporting capabilities, clarify delegation authority and revise personnel policies to address recommendations made in the State Auditor's April 7, 2011 report.

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¹ Short-Doyle Medi-Cal Remediation Technology (SMART) system