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CONNECTICUT LEGAL SERVICES' BOARD OF DIRECTORS SELECTS A NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



After a comprehensive and extensive search, CLS' Board of Directors is proud to announce that it has named Deborah R. Witkin as CLS' new Executive Director.

Attorney Witkin, the first woman to be named executive director of CLS, has served as CLS' Deputy Director for the past ten years, and was appointed Interim Executive Director in May 2017. She previously held a variety of roles within the agency, including Regional Director of the Eastern Local Services Team and Director of Development, and has practiced and litigated across a wide range of the organization's substantive law units. Serving as a key member of CLS' leadership team, she also has provided financial and administrative oversight, led an organization-wide strategic planning process, and revamped management and hiring practices.

In addition to her work at CLS, Attorney Witkin has served as a Visiting Professor at Quinnipiac University School of Law, where she developed and directed a health law clinic. She was selected as a Legal Services Corporation Fellow to run a year-long poverty law clinic at the University of Connecticut School of Law, and she maintains an active and engaged presence across a number of community and legal networks. She is a James W. Cooper Fellow of the Connecticut Bar Foundation, has served as a trainer for national seminars with the Sargeant Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, and has held several leadership roles at the Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven and other non-profit boards.

As CLS celebrates its 40th year of providing much needed legal services to its low-income client population, its Board and staff look forward to the future under new leadership.

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