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The California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) Chief Administrative Law Judge, Karen Clopton, has been selected by the American Bar Association as the recipient of the 2010 Mary C. Lawton Award for Outstanding Government Service.

ALJ Clopton's nomination was based on outstanding contributions to the development, implementation, and improvement of administrative law and regulatory practice that reflects sustained excellence in performance. All government lawyers active in the fields of administrative law and regulatory practice are eligible. A listing of past recipients of the Award can be found at <http://www.abanet.org/adminlaw/awardsprogram/pastMCLawards.html>.

The field of nominees included federal government agency general counsels, state attorneys general, and other officials, as well as from members of the American Bar Association's Section of Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice.

Said CPUC President Michael R. Peevey, in his nomination of ALJ Clopton, "Karen V. Clopton is the first African American appointed Chief Administrative Law Judge for the California Public Utilities Commission and manages the Administrative Law Judge Division which includes over 100 employees, including 40 judges. She also currently serves, as my nominee, on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Staff Subcommittee on Administrative Law Judges. I charged her with conducting a "soup to nuts" review of the CPUC's decision-making processes in January 2009 and she exceeded every expectation with her thorough research, review, and recommendations. The Commission has embraced her initiatives to make the crucial regulatory work we do more accessible to the public, more transparent, and more efficient."

For more information on ALJ Clopton, please visit:
www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/aboutus/Divisions/ALJ+Division/clopton.htm.

For more information on the CPUC's ALJ Division, please visit:
www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/aboutus/Divisions/ALJ+Division/index.htm.

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