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### DEBRA W. YANG BECOMES UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

In a private ceremony this afternoon, Debra W. Yang was sworn in as the United States Attorney for the Central District of California.

Yang was sworn in by United States District Judge Ronald S.W. Lew in his courtroom in the United States Courthouse in Los Angeles.

Yang, a former Assistant United States Attorney who most recently was a judge in the Los Angeles Superior Court, will lead the largest United States Attorney's Office outside of the District of Columbia. The office, which is comprised of approximately 250 attorneys, serves more than 17 million residents in the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo.

"I am extremely proud to have been appointed by President Bush to serve as the United States Attorney for the Central District of California," Yang said after today's swearing in ceremony. "I look forward to continuing the office's long tradition of having highly talented attorneys prosecute the most significant cases in the nation."

Yang is expected to conduct a media availability during the week of May 28. If you are interested in attending or shooting pictures at the informal event, please contact the Public Affairs Office.

After being unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate, Yang was given a four-year appointment by President George W. Bush earlier this month. Yang succeeds John S. Gordon, who served as the interim United States Attorney for more than one year after the resignation of Alejandro N. Mayorkas.

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