

Superior Court

OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

IN APPRECIATION

Selma Moidel Smith

ATTORNEY AND MUSICAL COMPOSER

WHEREAS, ATTORNEY AND MUSICAL COMPOSER SELMA MOIDEL SMITH IS HAILED AS A PIONEERING WOMAN LAWYER THAT ACHIEVED MIGHTILY IN HER LIFETIME, BEING THE ONLY HONORARY LIFE MEMBER OF THE WOMEN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES, OF WHICH SHE WAS PRESIDENT IN 1947 AND 1948, IN WHICH ROLE SHE CREATED A PROGRAM OF CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION FOR WOMEN LAWYERS 45 YEARS BEFORE CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION BECAME MANDATORY IN CALIFORNIA, HER EFFORTS TO SUPPORT WOMEN'S LEGAL RIGHTS CONTRIBUTING TO THE PASSAGE OF THE "WIVES' PAYCHECK BILL" 1951, AND IN 1952 SERVING AS PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES BUSINESS WOMEN'S COUNCIL, WHERE SHE WAS ALSO AWARDED A LIFE MEMBERSHIP BY THAT AGENCY FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE ON BEHALF OF CALIFORNIA WOMEN.

WHEREAS, Ms. SMITH IS A LIFE FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN BAR FOUNDATION (ABA), WHICH CREATED FOR HER ITS INAUGURAL LIFE FELLOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN 2016 FOR "A LIFETIME OF EXTRAORDINARY LEADERSHIP, NOT ONLY WITHIN THE LEGAL PROFESSION, BUT THROUGHOUT THE LARGER COMMUNITY AND BEYOND," AND SHE SERVED IN THE ABA SENIOR LAWYERS DIVISION AS THE FIRST WOMAN CHAIR OF THE EXPERIENCE MAGAZINE EDITORIAL BOARD, OF THEIR GOVERNING COUNCIL AND OF SEVERAL OTHER OFFICES, RECEIVING INNUMERABLE AWARDS FROM THE ABA, STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION (LACBA), AND MANY OTHER LEGAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR HER SERVICE TO THE BAR, THE PUBLIC, AND TO WOMEN IN THE LAW.

WHEREAS, Ms. SMITH'S TALENT AS A MUSIC COMPOSER IS LAUDED AS NOTHING LESS THAN EXTRAORDINARY, BEING CREDITED WITH MORE THAN 100 INSTRUMENTAL PIECES AND REGISTERED IN THE INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF WOMEN COMPOSERS, HER MUSIC IS PERFORMED WIDELY; NOT ONLY AT PRIVATE EVENTS SPONSORED BY SUCH ENTITIES AS THE WASHINGTON, D.C. NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN IN THE ARTS, THE WOMEN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES, THE LOS ANGELES LAWYERS CLUB, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY LAW LIBRARY, LACBA, AND THE AMERICAN BAR FOUNDATION, BUT ALSO AT PUBLIC VENUES SUCH AS THE WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL.

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE JUDICIAL OFFICERS OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, COMMEND Ms. SELMA MOIDEL SMITH ON AN INSPIRED CAREER OF EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE, AND ON BEING NAMED METROPOLITAN NEWS-ENTERPRISE'S "PERSON OF THE YEAR;" EXTENDED WITH DEEPEST GRATITUDE FOR HER SUPPORT OF THE COURT, AND OF ALL AGENCIES OF JUSTICE.

PRESENTED ON THIS 31ST DAY OF JANUARY 2020.

Kevin C. Brazile

KEVIN C. BRAZILE
PRESIDING JUDGE



Eric C. Taylor

ERIC C. TAYLOR
ASSISTANT PRESIDING JUDGE