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Carrion Elected Chair of Law Revision Commission

Attorney Xochitl Carrion, of San Francisco, has been elected Chairperson of the California Law Revision Commission. Richard “Rick” Simpson, of Sacramento, has been elected as the new Vice-Chairperson. The term of office is one year, beginning September 1, 2024.

The California Law Revision Commission is a state agency responsible for studying problem areas in California law and recommending needed reforms to the Governor and Legislature. The Commission’s current workload includes studies of California’s Antitrust Law, recodification of Toxic Substance Statutes, Landlord-Tenant Terminology, the Equal Rights Amendment, and Government Access to Electronic Communications.

Xochitl Carrion, the new Chairperson, was appointed to the Commission in 2011. She is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles and received her Juris Doctorate degree from the University of California Law San Francisco. Ms. Carrion is presently an attorney with the Law Office of Xochitl Carrion and President of the California La Raza Lawyers Association. She has served on the San Francisco Sheriff’s Oversight Board since 2021 and was its Vice President from 2021 – 2023. Prior to opening her practice, Ms. Carrion was an Attorney at the ALTO Alliance LLC from 2021 to 2022, an Assistant District Attorney at the San Francisco District Attorney’s Office from 2015 to 2021, and an Associate at Goldfarb & Lipman LLC from 2007 to 2015. Ms. Carrion previously served as the Commission’s Chairperson from 2012-2013.

Rick Simpson, the new Vice-Chairperson, has served on the Commission since 2019. Simpson served as Chief of Staff for State Senator Robert Hertzberg in 2019. He was Deputy Chief of Staff and Education Advisor for eight Assembly Speakers from 1999 to 2016. Simpson was Legislative Secretary in the Office of Governor Gray Davis in 1999. He was Legislative Advocate for the California Teachers Association from 1996 to 1998. Simpson was an Educational Advisor for Assembly Speaker Willie Brown from 1991 to 1994. He was a Senior Consultant for the Assembly Education Committee from 1984 to 1990 and an Education Consultant at the Senate Office of Research from 1978 to 1984. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of California, Santa Cruz and a Master of Public Policy degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

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