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EVERETT W. MATTOON
1926 - 1938

Everett W. Mattoon was appointed as the third County Counsel on April 29, 1926. He was sworn in by former County Counsel, Judge Edward T. Bishop on May 5, 1926.¹

Mr. Mattoon graduated from Riverside High School in 1909 and obtained his law degree in 1916 from USC.² He passed the bar exam in July 1915.³

Prior to joining the County, Mr. Mattoon was a deputy City Attorney for the City of Los Angeles. He joined the County in 1921⁴ and served as deputy for five years, and thereafter chief deputy for three years before being appointed as County Counsel.⁵ Mr. Mattoon is known for authoring the Mattoon Act of 1925, which permitted cities and counties to issue immediate possession bonds to pay for property condemned.⁶ He resigned as County Counsel on March 10, 1938.⁷ He was subsequently appointed assistant attorney general in 1940.⁸ He died on June 5, 1956.⁹

¹ (*Bishop Swears in Mattoon as L.A. County Counsel*, Los Angeles Herald (May 5, 1926) page 13.)

² (Convention Notes, Riverside Daily Press, Volume XXXIV, Number 251 (Oct. 21, 1919) page 2.); (College Grads Have Positions, Riverside Daily Press, Volume XXXI, Number 187 (Aug. 7, 1916) Page 2.)

³ (*107 Students Pass Bar Examination*, Los Angeles Herald, Volume XLI, Number 226 (Jul. 22, 1915) page 2.)

⁴ (*Mattoon Moved Up.: Resigns as Deputy City Attorney; is Offered Similar County Post*, Los Angeles Times (Jun. 5, 1921) page V_A12.)

⁵ (*Mattoon to be Counsel for County: Chief Deputy Appointed to Fill Place Vacated*, Los Angeles Times (Apr. 30, 1926) page A1.)

⁶ Bishop Swears in Mattoon, *supra*.

⁷ (*Mattoon Praised as Resignation Accepted*, San Pedro News Pilot, Volume 10, Number 304 (Feb. 23., 1938) page 1.)

⁸ (*Assistant Atty. General Everett Mattoon Dies*, Santa Cruz Sentinel, Volume 100, Number 134 (Jun. 6, 1956) page 14.)

⁹ *Ibid.*