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JOHN H. LARSON
1973 - 1983

John H. Larson was appointed as the seventh County Counsel in May 1973.

Mr. Larson was born in Long Beach. He served in the Marine Corps during World War II.¹ He graduated from USC with a law degree in 1950.²

Mr. Larson served as a Deputy County Counsel from 1951 to 1959. He then left the office to join a private firm and served as city attorney for Cudahy, San Dimas and Pico-Rivera from 1960 to 1967. He was also the general counsel for the California County Planning Commissioners Association.³ He rejoined the office in 1968 and was appointed as Chief Deputy to the County Counsel. At the time of his appointment, the Office of County Counsel had 95 attorneys.⁴

After leaving the County in 1983, he joined the law firm of Musick, Peeler, and Garrett. In 1986, Governor Duekmejian appointed Mr. Larson as the Chairman of the California Fair Political Practices Commission in Sacramento.⁵

¹ (Zeman, *County Counsel's Successor Named*, Los Angeles Times (May 18, 1973) page D1.)

² (*John H. Larson*, Press Telegram (Obituaries) (Oct. 22, 2011).) [John Larson Obituary - CA](#)

³ Zeman, *supra*.

⁴ (Weller, *John Larson to Get Post as New County Counsel*, Van Nuys News Newspaper Archives (May 18, 1973) page 8.)

⁵ Press Telegram, *supra*.