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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar has announced the appointment of Sallyanne Payton as Chief Counsel to the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

In her new post, Ms. Payton will be the chief legal advisor to the UMTA Administrator, Frank C. Herringer, with respect to program, legislative and regulatory matters. She will provide coordination with the Department's Office of the General Counsel and the Department of Justice.

In making the announcement, Secretary Brinegar noted the excellent qualifications Ms. Payton brings to the post of Chief Counsel at a time when the Nixon Administration is concentrating on bringing more women into responsible Federal positions.

Prior to joining UMTA, Ms. Payton served as Staff Assistant to the President on the staff of the Domestic Council. She worked principally with the District of Columbia government. In that post, she was responsible for community development, Bicentennial planning, progress toward self-government, executive appointments and other issues that required Presidential attention.

She served as a member of the Commission on the Organization of the Government of the District of Columbia (Nelsen Commission), reviewing the operation of the District Government and making extensive recommendations for substantive and structural reforms.

Ms. Payton is no stranger to transportation and the urban problems. She has been a Lecturer in Law, teaching a seminar in Federal housing and urban development policy at the University of Virginia Law School.

Prior to joining the White House staff, Ms. Payton was an associate of the Washington, D. C. law firm of Covington and Burling. In this position, she concentrated on transportation regulatory agency practice and on general civil litigation at the trial and appellate levels. She also served as counsel to community organizations involved in health care delivery, narcotics treatment and child care.

The new Chief Counsel is admitted to practice in California and the District of Columbia. She is a member of the Board of Trustees, Stanford University; Executive Committee, Board of Visitors, Stanford Law School; Board of Directors, Southeast Neighborhood House, Washington, D. C.; Board of Directors, Metropolitan Washington Urban Coalition; National Association of Women Lawyers and past member of the Committee on Federal Legislation, Health and Welfare Council of the National Capital Area.

A native of Los Angeles, California, she received her B.A. degree in English in 1964 from Stanford University, and LL.B. in 1968 from the Stanford University Law School. While in Law School, she was a member, Board of Editors, Stanford Law Review.

Ms. Payton resides in the District of Columbia.

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