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Andrea Sheridan Ordín joined the private sector in 1991 following an outstanding twenty-five year career in government practice during which she achieved many firsts herself and significantly advanced opportunities for other women and minority lawyers.

After graduating from U.C.L.A. Law School in 1965, Ms. Ordín spent seven years handling civil, criminal and constitutional cases in the California Attorney General's office. In 1983 she returned to this office as the first woman Chief Assistant Attorney General, heading the Division of Public Rights. She appointed the first two women Assistant Attorney Generals to head statewide sections in this division and, through her efforts on the promotional panel for high level positions, she increased the number of women promoted to senior levels.

In the intervening years Ms. Ordín held the third highest position in the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office and in 1977 became the third woman in the country to be appointed a United States Attorney. As Assistant District Attorney she drafted that office's first affirmative action plan and was a member of the hiring team that dramatically increased the number of women and minorities hired. As U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California she hired and promoted a record number of women and minorities in her own office and, on the national level, as a member and then chair of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee, Ms. Ordín worked to increase diversity in the Department of Justice and the FBI.

Ms. Ordín is president of the Los Angeles County Bar Association and a member of the Mexican-American Bar Association and California Women Lawyers. She also is a member of the California Judicial Council Advisory Committee on Gender Bias in the Courts and was the only woman appointed to the Christopher Commission to investigate brutality in the Los Angeles County Police Department. She is married and has three children.