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Diane Smith Joins Connecticut Network Team as 2010 Elections Coordinator

The Connecticut Network announced today that renowned Connecticut broadcaster Diane Smith will join the staff starting next week as the network's 2010 Elections Coordinator. Diane's extensive experience as a broadcast journalist and political commentator make her the ideal person to fill this important role at CT-N.

"Diane Smith has become synonymous not only with fair, accurate and balanced reporting in the finest journalistic tradition, but also with a commitment to informing the people of Connecticut about what is positive, important and worthy of consideration in their state. CT-N's mission of inspiring greater civic engagement and Diane's mission as a news professional could not be a better fit," said Paul Giguere, CT-N President and CEO. "All of us at the Connecticut Network are thrilled to have her working with us on our coverage of Connecticut's electoral process in this most complex of election years."

"Having covered elections, political battles and issues facing our state since 1982, I see this as an exciting time to join the CT-N team, said Diane. "The political scene in CT is going to undergo tremendous change with elections for key state and national seats and we will bring the broadest coverage possible to keep voters informed and engaged as we move from the state conventions and primaries to November."

Diane will be instrumental in managing day-to-day operations for CT-N's election coverage this year. She will work closely at all levels of the CT-N organization to help develop, support and facilitate various election-related programming initiatives through Election Night 2010.

Diane is an Emmy Award-winning broadcast journalist with a diverse background in news anchoring, reporting, feature and documentary production, script writing and editing, interviewing, live radio and TV broadcasting, radio talk show hosting, media consulting and coaching, public speaking, and college-level teaching. She is well known as former co-host of WTIC's NewsTalk 1080 morning show.

In addition to her job at CT-N, Diane produces programs for Connecticut Public TV, based on her very popular series "Positively Connecticut". Her latest television projects are a weekly magazine series for Connecticut Public TV called "All Things Connecticut", and a documentary about historic preservation called "Living Modern in Connecticut." She is currently President of Diane Smith Media, serving non-profits, businesses and schools.

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CT-N is available full-time on U-Verse Channel 83 and on expanded basic cable statewide. Visit ct-n.com to find the channel location for the network in your community or to watch online. All Connecticut Network programming is closed captioned for the hearing impaired.

Winner of the 2007 Helen M. Loy Freedom of Information Award and national Sunshine Award from the Society of Professional Journalists, Connecticut Network is the state's source for complete and balanced television and webcast coverage of state government and public affairs. CT-N is managed and operated by the Connecticut Public Affairs Network, Inc., a nonprofit company founded to educate citizens about state government. For more information, become a fan of CT-N on Facebook, follow the network at www.twitter.com/CTNetworkTV or visit CT-N's website at www.ct-n.com.

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