

K ROBIN LEWIS APPOINTED WEDDING SALES SPECIALIST FOR THE WESTIN ST. FRANCIS

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – JANUARY 5, 2012 – Robin Lewis has been named Wedding Sales Specialist at The Westin St. Francis. In her new position, Lewis will utilize her expertise to increase and enhance the tradition of creating grand wedding experiences in the hotel's unparalleled event spaces including The Imperial Floor, The Grand Ballroom, The St. Francis Suite and a selection of specialty suites.

Lewis brings nearly 30 years of wedding and catering experience in the hospitality industry, most recently at The Sir Francis Drake, to her new position. She began her career at the highly regarded Maxwell's Plum in San Francisco as Director of Catering. It was here that she fell in love with event planning, and has since channeled her passion into orchestrating elaborate weddings, special events and meetings at renowned hotels, restaurants and the esteemed California Alumni Association at the University of California, Berkeley.

"We are delighted to welcome Robin to The Westin St. Francis," says General Manager Jon Kimball. "Her wealth of professional knowledge and experience in the wedding planning industry are huge assets to the hotel and our team." Her success in leading a team and achieving "Best of Weddings, San Francisco" by The Knot in 2009, 2010 and 2011 speak to her commitment and abilities."

Lewis holds a B.A. in French from the University of California, Los Angeles and a California Teaching Credential in French from the University of California, Irvine. She is a member of the National Association of Catering Executives. An avid equestrian, she and her husband reside on their ranch in Patterson, California.

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