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Judge David J. Danielsen To Lead San Diego Superior Court

Judge David J. Danielsen has been elected by his fellow judges to serve as Presiding Judge of the San Diego Superior Court for a two-year term starting January 1, 2014. Judge Danielsen, who has served as the Assistant Presiding Judge since 2012, will succeed the current Presiding Judge Robert J. Trentacosta who finishes his term of office on December 31, 2013.

“Access to impartial justice is a core American value,” says Judge Danielsen. “In these troubled economic times, our court has struggled to cope with severe budget cuts. We will continue to advocate for adequate funding and to adapt our court through creative thinking and innovation. We will endeavor to deliver the access to quality justice that our community deserves.”

For the next two years, Judge Danielsen assumes the judicial leadership role in the oversight and management the San Diego Superior Court, its 154 judicial officers, over 1,200 employees, and a court budget of more than \$172 million. Judge Danielsen will work closely with the Chief Executive Officer and his management team along with an Executive Committee of Superior Court judges.

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A San Diego judge for twenty-three years, Judge Danielsen brings a wealth of judicial experience to the position having served in many assignments including two terms as the Supervising Judge of the Criminal Courts.

A graduate of Dartmouth College, Judge Danielsen received his law degree from the University of San Diego School of Law. Prior to joining the Bench, Judge Danielsen practiced as a civil trial lawyer for 13 years and was a partner in a private law firm in San Diego.

Judge Danielsen was honored as a litigator by his election to membership in the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). He has played an active role in leadership positions in judicial and legal groups in California over his career, including a memorable tour as the President of the California Judges Association (1999-2000). Additionally, Judge Danielsen has been selected to teach a number of courses regularly for many years to California judges throughout the state including serving as faculty at the California Judicial College.

San Diego Superior Court Judges have also elected Judge Jeffrey B. Barton to serve alongside Judge Danielsen as Assistant Presiding Judge. A graduate of UCSD with a Juris Doctor from the University Of San Diego School Of Law, Judge Barton is currently the Supervising Judge of the Superior Court's Civil Division.

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