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San Diego Superior Court Judge Charles R. Gill Retires

Judge Charles R. Gill, a judge known for his insightful legal acumen and ability to meticulously handle complex criminal cases, will retire on February 28, 2019. Appointed by Governor Wilson in 1997 to the Municipal Court, Judge Gill was elevated to the Superior Court in 1998. Judge Gill is known within San Diego's legal community for his keen insight and ability to resolve complex criminal cases.

Judge Gill earned a Bachelor of Science degree at San Diego State University, with majors in Biology and Political Science. He received his Juris Doctorate at the University of San Diego School of Law.

Judge Gill worked his way through law school at the San Diego County Planning Department. Upon graduation, he was hired by the Office of the San Diego County Counsel and primarily represented public school districts. In 1983 he was appointed Assistant City Attorney of Chula Vista where he was involved with land development issues, including the master-planned communities of Rancho Del Rey and Eastlake.

Judge Gill spent the bulk of his career as an attorney (1986 -1997) working with his mentor and friend, Alex C. McDonald, focusing on planning, land use, and environmental law. Justice McDonald was appointed to the Fourth District Court of Appeal in 1995.

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Presiding Judge Peter C. Deddeh describes him this way: “Judge Charles Gill brought a detail-oriented focus to our bench. Judge Gill was a master at bringing strident adversaries together to facilitate agreement. His strong work ethic, calm demeanor, and nimble legal mind will be missed by our Court.”

Judge Gill recently stated, “I never imagined a judicial career in criminal law, but the unique issues presented in each case and the expertise of the lawyers has been deeply interesting. Ending my judicial career as the Presiding Judge of the Court’s Appellate Panel added a fresh perspective on the Rule of Law and judicial independence that has had a profound impact on my understanding of our three branches of government.”

Judge Gill’s retirement plans include spending more time with family, travel and skiing.

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