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## **Superior Court Announces New Court Commissioners**

San Diego Superior Court judges have selected attorneys Peter S. Doft, Virginia Johnson and Edlene McKenzie, to serve as Court Commissioners.

Experienced in both civil and criminal case work, Commissioner Doft began his legal career in 1979 with Defenders, Inc. where he managed cases ranging from misdemeanors to Class 5 felonies. Moving into civil work in 1985, Commissioner Doft was in private practice specializing in estate planning matters as well as business transactions and litigation.

Commissioner Doft, who holds bar membership in California, Massachusetts and New York, graduated first in his class from New England School of Law in 1979 and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from New York University.

A graduate of Tulane University Law School, Commissioner Johnson clerked with the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Admitted to the California State Bar in 1990, Commissioner Johnson attained experience in both civil and family law while working as a staff attorney for the Superior Court. Most recently, Commissioner Johnson was in private practice with the law firm of Fischbeck and Oberndorfer.

Commissioner McKenzie's experience is rooted primarily in juvenile dependency and family law with a focus on representation of children. Admitted to the Bar in 1986,

Commissioner McKenzie has served as a Judge Pro Tem for the Juvenile Court for the Superior Court of San Diego County and, since 1995, has served as on the Minor's Counsel Panel for San

Diego Family Court. A graduate of UCLA, Commissioner McKenzie received her law degree from University of West Los Angeles School of Law.

Commissioners Doft and Johnson will handle cases in Superior Court's Central Division while Commissioner McKenzie will hear cases in the Court's North County Division.

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