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Superior Court Judge Lisa Foster Retires

San Diego Superior Court Judge Lisa Foster will retire on February 28, 2013 after 10 years on the bench. Appointed by Governor Gray Davis in 2002, Judge Foster, 55, has been an outstanding and versatile judge serving with distinction in Superior Court assignments including Criminal, Family, and Civil departments.

Prior to joining the court, Judge Foster was of counsel to the law firm of Phillips & Cohen, LLP, and worked with California Common Cause, the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, and the Center for Law in the Public Interest.

“Judge Foster’s professionalism, intellect and collegiality will be deeply missed by all of us. Her outstanding versatility as a judge, her humility and commitment to public service will be her legacy to our court and the San Diego community,” said Presiding Judge Robert J. Trentacosta.

A 1984 graduate of the Harvard School of Law (Magna Cum Laude, Law Review), Judge Foster holds an undergraduate degree (Phi Beta Kappa) in American Studies from Stanford University (1979). She has volunteered on numerous boards including the National Governing Board of Common Cause and the San Diego Children’s Museum/Museo de los Niños, She also served as a Commissioner on the City of San Diego Ethics Commission.

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“I have been privileged to serve as a judge for the past ten years. The men and women of the Superior Court – from the business offices to the back offices from the courtroom to the jury room – work hard every day to ensure that justice is done for the people of San Diego. I am proud to have worked with them and sad to be leaving,” said Judge Foster.

Judge Foster is retiring in order to join her husband in Washington, D.C. where he has worked in the Department of Homeland Security for the past four years. Their three daughters and son-in-law also have moved east in recent years. “While I love my work as a judge, I love my husband and children more,” Judge Foster said. She expects to continue working in the public or non-profit sector in Washington, D.C.

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