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Superior Court Judge Susan D. Huguenor Retires

San Diego Superior Court Judge Susan D. Huguenor, well known throughout the state for her work in Juvenile and Family Court matters, is retiring. After serving more than 28 years on the bench, Judge Huguenor officially retires on March 12, 2014.

Appointed to the El Cajon Municipal Court by Governor Deukmejian in 1985, Judge Huguenor served as Assistant Presiding and Presiding Judge of that court in 1987 and 1988. Governor Pete Wilson elevated her to the Superior Court Bench in 1996.

“Judge Huguenor has elected to serve our community for most of her judicial career in the most taxing and emotionally difficult assignments, juvenile and family law. Our families and especially our children have benefited from her wisdom, keen intellect and caring attitude,” says Presiding Judge David J. Danielsen.

Judge Huguenor has received praise while serving in assignments in Juvenile and Family Courts. In January, the South California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers awarded Judge Huguenor with one of the *Distinguished Jurist of the Year Awards*. The Academy seeks to encourage the study, improve the practice, elevate the standards and advance the cause of matrimonial law

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In 2005, Juvenile Court Judges throughout the state acknowledged Judge Huguenor's Juvenile Court contributions by awarding her the *Wilmont Sweeney, Juvenile Court Judge of the Year* award. The award is annually presented to a California Juvenile Court Judge who represents pioneering commitment to California's offending youth. Judge Sweeney was a longtime promoter of finding alternatives to detention centers for juveniles, such as rehabilitation and counseling, thus the award is presented to a judge who demonstrates that same dedication.

Judge Huguenor's interest in Juvenile and Family Court matters is not surprising considering her work experience prior to joining the court includes teaching schoolchildren. She worked as an elementary school teacher (1969-1971) before becoming a lawyer. She served more than 10 years as a San Diego City Attorney (1974-85) working in the consumer fraud unit and the criminal division prior to her Municipal Court appointment.

"I am very grateful to my colleagues and court staff who have made the court a wonderful place to work. It has been an honor and great privilege for me to serve as a judge for over 28 years," says Judge Huguenor.

Judge Huguenor received her B.A. in Spanish Literature from Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois in 1968, and her law degree from the California Western School of Law, San Diego in 1974.

"I am looking forward to my next phase of life with plans to join ADR, a mediation and arbitration service, in April."

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