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Superior Court Judge Raymond Edwards, Jr. Retires

After more than 20 years on the San Diego bench, Judge Raymond Edwards, Jr. has retired. Appointed by then-California Governor George Deukmejian in 1985, Judge Edwards, 60, has served in numerous court positions including Presiding Judge of the Court's Appellate Division (1999). Prior to retiring, Judge Edwards oversaw trials in the court's South County Division in Chula Vista.

Prior to his appointment, Judge Edwards served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of California in San Diego (1979-85) where he was the chief of the office's criminal division (1983-85). He also worked as a Los Angeles County deputy district attorney and investigator.

Described as a "by-the-book" type of judge who is open and fair, Judge Edwards was a member of the U.S. Navy from 1965-1969 and is a Vietnam veteran. Graduating as valedictorian of his law school, Judge Edwards received his J.D. degree from the South Bay University College of Law in (1977) in Carson, California. In addition, he received his B.A. in 1971 (Police Science and Administration) from Los Angeles State College [now California State University], Los Angeles.

During his judicial tenure, Judge Edwards has been involved with various judicial organizations including the California Judges Association, the California Judges Foundation (President, Executive Board 1998-1999) and the California State-Federal Judicial Council.

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Judge Edwards says, “It has been an honor, a privilege and a pleasure to serve on the finest trial bench in California. These past 21½ years have been rewarding, both professionally and personally, beyond all measure. I am proud and thankful for having had the opportunity to serve on an outstanding bench in a fine community.

“Judge Edwards’ contributions to the San Diego Superior Court and to the state have been significant. All of us wish him well and we will miss him,” says Presiding Superior Court Judge Janis Sammartino.

In retirement, Judge Edwards will be sitting as an assigned judge for the San Diego Superior Court. Additionally, he says looks forward to traveling and having more time on his motorcycle and on the golf course.

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