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## **Superior Court Judge Janet I. Kintner Retires**

After more than 31 years on the San Diego bench, Superior Court Judge Janet I. Kintner has retired. At the time of her appointment by then-California Governor Jerry Brown, Jr., Judge Kintner was the third woman in San Diego history to be named a judge. In addition, at the time of her appointment, Judge Kintner held the distinction of being the youngest judge in the State of California (31 years old) and the first pregnant woman appointed a California judge.

Judge Kintner, 62, brought a diverse legal background to the court. A private practitioner concentrating on civil litigation cases and criminal defense work (1974-76), Judge Kintner also served as a San Diego Deputy City Attorney (1971-74) handling criminal and civil cases and a staff attorney for the Legal Aid Society of San Diego (1969-70).

A member of numerous judicial groups and task forces, Judge Kintner served as president of the California-Nevada Womens Judges Association (1991) and chaired a number of court committees including the State Civil Committee for the Administrative Office of the Courts. She spent five years on the State Ethics Committee and shared her knowledge with judges and lay-people alike by teaching at judicial seminars and local colleges.

Judge Kintner received her law degree from the University of Arizona Law School (1968) where she also earned a Bachelor's degree in Government (1966).

“Judge Kintner has served our community for over three decades in many capacities on

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our court. She has contributed on both a state and local level. Our court will miss her and we wish her happiness in retirement,” says Presiding Judge Janis Sammartino.

“I have loved being a judge in San Diego for 31 years. Public service is the most rewarding job there is. I feel I have been able to make a difference: I have made some people’s lives better, I have been able to protect people from wrongdoing, and I have been able to turn some people around so they became positive influences in our community,” says Judge Kintner.

Judge Kintner says she will continue to sit on special assignment at the Superior Court for part of the year because she enjoys helping people and working with the judges on the court: “They are hardworking, dedicated, principled people whom I have come to know and admire over the years. But I am only working part time because I am also glad to have some time to enjoy my family and friends and a healthier, less stressful lifestyle.”