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Judge Cynthia A. Bashant Retires From The San Diego Superior Court *Elevated to the Federal Bench*

Judge Cynthia A. Bashant, well known for her work in the Juvenile Court system, officially retired from the San Diego Superior Court on May 7, 2014. She leaves the Superior Court, after 14 years, following her confirmation to serve on U.S. Court for the Southern District of California.

Appointed to the Superior Court Bench in 2000 by Governor Gray Davis, Judge Bashant has presided over assignments in Criminal and Juvenile Dependency Courts and served as Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court (2010-2013). In 2012, the San Diego Juvenile Justice Commission named her "Judge of the Year".

Throughout her professional career, Judge Bashant has been active in the community. She was, at one time, President and currently sits on the Advisory Board of the Lawyers Club of San Diego. In addition, Judge Bashant served as Chair of the San Diego Commission on Children, Youth, and Families and on the San Diego County Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council.

"The Superior Court will now be missing a key leader and judicial role model. The Federal District Court now obtains another keen intellect and a tireless worker who cares to get things done well," says Superior Court Presiding Judge David J. Danielsen.

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A graduate of Smith College (1982) and University of California Berkeley, Hastings College of the Law (1986), Judge Bashant started her legal career in private practice as an Associate at Baker & McKenzie, San Diego (1986-89). She then moved into the public sector as an Assistant U.S. Attorney (1989-2000) where she worked as Chief of the Border Crimes Unit (1997-98) and Deputy Chief of the Narcotics Unit (1995-97).

“I am looking forward to the new challenges ahead and I will miss all my colleagues and the many hard working people at Juvenile court,” says Judge Bashant.

In 2013, California Senator Dianne Feinstein nominated Judge Bashant to serve on the Federal Bench. The U.S. Senate confirmed that nomination on May 1, 2014.

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