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San Diego Superior Court Judge Alvin E. Green, Jr. Retires

Judge Alvin E. (Bud) Green Jr., a well-respected Drug Court jurist and a mainstay on the San Diego Superior Court South County Division bench, is retiring. He officially retires on January 31, 2014 after serving 20 years as a Judge in San Diego County.

Appointed to the San Diego Municipal Court on January 26, 1994 by Governor Pete Wilson, Judge Green joined the Superior Court in 1998. While on the bench, Judge Green worked in Juvenile Court and presided over Family Court cases in both Vista and El Cajon before moving to the South County court in 2001.

Judge Green brought a varied legal background to the Court having worked as an associate in private law practices in San Diego (Liebman, Reiner, McNeil & Walsh, 1988-94), Ventura (McGahan & Engle 1982-88), and North Hollywood (Bolton & Gelbard 1978-82). He also served as a Deputy San Diego City Attorney from 1974-1978. During his lawyering days, Judge Green distinguished himself by volunteering periodically as a Judge Pro Tempore in the El Cajon Municipal Court (1988-93), Ventura County Municipal Court (1983-88), and Los Angeles Municipal Court, 1981.

“Judge Green will be missed. He brought a quiet, steady and dignified approach to all of his assignments. He accomplished so much without ever calling attention to himself. He’s been a real gentleman,” said Presiding Judge David Danielsen.

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“I have been honored to work with the finest Judges and court staff in California. I have been a drug court Judge since January 2006. There are 1,436 adult drug courts in the United States; only 10 are mentor courts (teaching courts) and South Bay Drug Court has been selected to be one of those mentor courts. Presiding over drug court has been the highlight of my career. Drug Courts work and change lives,” says Judge Green.

Judge Green says he plans to do a lot of sailing in retirement as well as travel to Ireland and Italy. As for leaving the Court, Judge Green says, “It's been quite a ride and I have enjoyed every minute of it.”

A 1970 graduate of San Diego State University (1970), Judge Green received his law degree from the University of San Diego Law School (1973).

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