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California State Bar Honors Judge Maureen F. Hallahan

The State Bar of California's Family Law Section has named San Diego Superior Court Judge Maureen F. Hallahan the state's "Judicial Officer of the Year". Judge Hallahan, Supervising Judge of the Family Law Division of the San Diego Superior Court, will receive the award at a State Bar meeting on October 9th.

"It is gratifying for the State Bar to recognize what we know locally. Judge Hallahan is that rare judicial combination of a great mind and a kind heart coupled with common sense and boundless energy - all in the service of making her part of the court system more accessible and more just. She is a treasure," says Presiding Judge David J. Danielsen.

"I am honored to receive this award. Family Law is undeniably complex requiring decisions on numerous and varied legal issues. Sensitive and emotional issues of child custody, visitation, and support are addressed as well as the more practical aspects of dividing real and personal property and debts, which often include complex business valuations and accountings. These decisions are made in the emotionally charged environment common to Family Law. I truly admire the members of the Bar who have dedicated themselves to Family Law assisting those going through a very difficult time in their lives, to understand and navigate the legal system," says Judge Hallahan.

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That State Bar cited Judge Hallahan's leadership and strong support of family law in San Diego. They also cited her volunteer work in improving statewide family law through education of judges and lawyers and her work on projects serving indigents and the underserved populations in our family law courts. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Judge Hallahan to the bench in 2007. Since her appointment, she has devoted her judicial career to family law.

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