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Superior Court Judge H. Ronald Domnitz Retires

Superior Court Judge H. Ronald Domnitz retires on January 7, 2007 after 24 years on the bench. Appointed in 1983 by Governor Brown, Judge Domnitz, 64, has served in numerous court departments, including many years as a Family Law Judge. He was elected as the Presiding Judge of the San Diego Municipal Court on 4 occasions (1987, 1988, 1992 and 1993). In addition, he served as an adjunct law professor at several local universities for over 10 years.

Born in Los Angeles, Judge Domnitz received his B.A. from U.C.L.A. and graduated from the USC School of Law. His legal background before joining the bench was rooted in 13 years of private practice with an emphasis in labor relations and family law. He was among the first group of attorneys in California to become a Certified Family Law Specialist. Prior to that, Judge Domnitz served as an attorney for the National Labor Relations Board (Los Angeles) for 3 years.

Judge Domnitz has twice received the "Judge of the Year" award (1987 & 1993) from the San Diego Trial Lawyers Association and the Earl Gilliam Bar Association's Outstanding Judge Award. He has served on the California Judges Association Executive Board (1985 – 1988) and has represented the American Bar Association in Bosnia (1998) and Ukraine (2001) as part of a group public service project that advances the rule of law in the world by supporting the legal reform process.

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Presiding Judge Janis Sammartino says, "Judge Domnitz' dedication to our court has been demonstrated by his outstanding service in many assignment and leadership positions. He will be missed by all."

Married to his wife, Jan, of 33 years, with two children and two grandchildren, he intends to remain in San Diego during retirement.

"I expect to continue to serve as a Family Law Judge on assignment to the San Diego Courts as well as those throughout the State. I look forward to continuing my travels and may accept a short-term position in Eastern Europe with the American Bar Association."

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