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Superior Court Judge Richard E. Mills Retires

After 14 years as a mainstay on the North County bench in Vista, Judge Richard E. Mills is retiring. Appointed by Governor Pete Wilson, Judge Mills took the oath of office in early 1999. During his judicial career, Judge Mills presided over a variety of criminal and civil matters and served in both the court's trial and settlement departments. His official last day with the San Diego Superior Court is October 28, 2013.

Judge Mills brought substantial government and private practice experience to the bench. He once estimated that, as a lawyer, he had tried 400 cases before juries. After serving as a clerk on the federal district court in San Diego, Judge Mills served as a Deputy San Diego District Attorney (1970-79). He then spent the next twenty years (1979-99) in private practice doing both significant criminal defense matters and plaintiff personal injury before being appointed to the court.

"Judge Mills' trial background proved valuable for our court. He handled every kind of civil and criminal trial during his career on the Superior Court. He also particularly impressed jurors with his courteous and efficient approach to jury trials," says Presiding Judge Robert J. Trentacosta.

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Judge Mills has both a BA in history and political science from UC Santa Barbara and earned his J.D. from UCLA School of Law.

“My plans are to continue my previous part time jobs as a real estate investor and a stock market investor. I will also represent a few clients if the right opportunity presents itself,” says Judge Mills.

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