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Superior Court Judge John S. Einhorn Retires

San Diego Superior Court's former Presiding Judge John S. Einhorn is retiring. After serving 18 years on the San Diego Superior Court bench and after handling many of the community's most difficult cases, Judge Einhorn will retire on August 31, 2013.

In 1995, then-Governor Pete Wilson appointed Judge Einhorn to the Superior Court. During his tenure, Judge Einhorn has been described as thorough, thoughtful, and well spoken. He was renowned for his analytical skills and his mastery of the courtroom.

Judge Einhorn handled both criminal and civil cases during his judicial career, including high profile organized crime cases and high profile murder cases. Of note, Judge Einhorn presided over the Joshua Jenkins case where, though a minor, Jenkins was tried as an adult for the murders of his five family members. Despite the young man's plea of insanity, he was found sane and convicted. In addition, Judge Einhorn presided over the death penalty case of Brandon Wilson. After a jury convicted Wilson in the 1998 slaying of a 9-year-old boy in Oceanside, Wilson was sentenced to death. More recently, Judge Einhorn was assigned the 2007 "Birdrock Bandits" case in which five La Jolla men were held criminally responsible for their respective roles in the beating and death of surfer Emery Kauanui Jr.

Judge Einhorn was elected by vote of all the Court's judges to serve for two years as the Assistant Presiding Judge and then for two years as Presiding Judge of the San Diego Superior

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Court. Before that, he played an active role in court management, serving as a member of the court's Executive Committee, as Vista Supervising Criminal Court Judge, and as the Supervising Judge of the North County Division in Vista. Judge Einhorn served as the first Supervising Judge of a unified San Diego Superior Court.

"Judge Einhorn served our court with distinction as a consummate trial judge. He handled the most challenging cases with enthusiasm, skill and expertise. He will be sorely missed by all of us," says Presiding Judge Robert J. Trentacosta.

"Retiring from the Superior Court is the most difficult decision made in my legal career. However, it is now time to move on to new challenges," says Judge Einhorn.

Judge Einhorn brought consummate trial lawyering skills to the bench. He had public and private law experience as well as background in civil and criminal. He worked both as a sole practitioner and as a partner in law firms Huntington & Einhorn and Gant, Asaro & Einhorn. He also served as a Deputy San Diego City Attorney.

Judge Einhorn received his B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley and his J.D. from Loyola University School of Law. During his legal tenure, he was an adjunct professor of law at University of San Diego and Cal Western where he taught Trial Practices. "Serving as an ombudsman was a unique, challenging and rewarding assignment. Mentoring lawyers and judges was one way to give back to the legal community and brought me a unique source of satisfaction that I may pursue in the future," says Judge Einhorn.

Judge Einhorn plans to become involved in civic and philanthropic associations. He says he would like to give back to the California and San Diego communities, which he served while practicing law and with which he engaged as a Supervising Superior Court Judge. Judge Einhorn also hopes to play more golf.