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## **Superior Court Judge Steven R. Denton Retires**

After serving 12 years on the bench, San Diego Superior Court Judge Steven R. Denton is retiring. Appointed by Governor Gray Davis in 2001, Judge Denton has been described by those who have advocated before him as prepared, patient, smart and approachable. He has served most of his tenure as a Civil Judge in the Hall of Justice downtown although early in his judicial career he served with distinction in Family Law downtown and at the North County Division in Vista.

Judge Denton brought years of significant civil litigation experience in private practice to the bench. He had his own small, elite firm, Ludecke, Denton & Bunn, for nearly 25 years prior to his appointment.

“Judge Denton will be sorely missed by his colleagues and the public he has served so admirably over the last 12 years. His experience, breadth of legal knowledge, decisiveness and practicality were evident to all who were fortunate enough to appear before him. He has been both a friend and colleague and I will miss him,” said Presiding Judge Robert J. Trentacosta.

A 1975 graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law, Judge Denton also holds an undergraduate degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

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“It has been a great privilege to have served our community as a trial judge and member of the finest bench in the entire State. I will always be proud of the work done by the diligent and hard-working judges of our court,” says Judge Denton.

“I am looking forward to another career as a private judge and mediator. I hope in some small way to continue to serve our community of lawyers and litigants in finding economic solutions to the increasingly large number of complex civil cases that are a challenge to our civil justice system. After having been a lawyer and judge for 38 years, I still am excited to take on new and different challenges in the field of alternative dispute resolution,” adds Judge Denton.

Judge Denton’s last day at the court will be June 21, 2013.

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