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## San Diego Superior Court Judge Christine K. Goldsmith Retires

Judge Christine K. Goldsmith, admired for her legal acumen and exemplary judicial demeanor, is leaving the San Diego Superior Court Bench after serving more than 27 years as a judge. Appointed to the El Cajon Municipal Court in January of 1987 by Governor George Deukmejian, Judge Goldsmith served as the Presiding Judge of that court in 1991. In 1998, she joined the Superior Court upon court unification.

Judge Goldsmith has served with distinction in both the East County Branch and Downtown. Her most significant contributions have been in criminal assignments and ultimately in the Family Courts. Always known as a quick study, she brought a significant criminal law background to her initial Family Court assignment and excelled. She has garnered recognition for her work receiving awards from the San Diego County Family Law Specialists (*San Diego County Outstanding Judicial Officer of the Year* - 2008) and the Southern California Chapter of the Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (*Distinguished Jurist Award* - 2003 and 2012).

Judge Goldsmith began her legal career with Defenders Inc. in San Diego (1977 to 1978) and then move into private practice, first as an associate with the Law Offices of John A. Mitchell (1978-1979) and then as a sole practitioner in El Cajon (1979-1984). In 1984, she joined the San Diego District Attorney's office where she prosecuted both misdemeanors and felonies (1984-1987).

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“I will miss her trusted counsel and independent thinking,” said Presiding Judge David Danielsen. “She has always brought a wise, fresh understanding of how things work in the real world. Hers has been the voice of experience and thoughtfulness consistently evidencing that she had listened well to what was going on around her and had seriously thought about it better than most.”

“It has been an honor to serve on the Municipal and Superior Courts of San Diego County. I have been privileged to work with kind, thoughtful and diligent judges, commissioners and staff. I shall always be grateful to the excellent attorneys in the family, civil and criminal areas who have helped to train me and have made my years on the bench so interesting,” says Judge Goldsmith.

Judge Goldsmith received her law degree in 1976 from the University Of San Diego School of Law and holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree (1973 - magna cum laude) in International relations from the University of the Americas, Cholula, Puebla, Mexico.

Judge Goldsmith’s official last day is October 10, 2014.

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