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Judge Susan D. Huguenor Receives Jurist Award

On Saturday, January 18, 2014, at its annual dinner, the Southern Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers presented Judge Susan Huguenor its award for San Diego County Distinguished Jurist of the Year 2014. The AAML is a group of the most experienced and well-regarded family law professionals. In her brief comments accepting the award, Judge Huguenor stated, "Most of my time as a judge has been spent in hearing juvenile and family law cases and I am very honored to receive this award from the Southern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers."

Judge Huguenor has been a member of the bench since 1985, serving in a variety of civil, criminal, family and juvenile assignments. She was Supervising Judge of the San Diego Superior Court Juvenile Division from 2003-2009 and Co-Chair of the California Family and Juvenile Advisory Committee from 2003 through 2011. Judge Huguenor proposed and implemented many innovations in education and treatment of minors in the San Diego Juvenile system. In addition, she was Chair of the Juvenile Judges of California from 2009 through 2011. In 2005, the California Judges Association selected her as Juvenile Judge of the Year.

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Judge Huguenor has served in the Family Law Division for over 10 years at various points of her career, including her most recent assignment since 2010.

Judge Huguenor received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish literature from Monmouth College and her law degree from California Western School of Law in San Diego in 1974. She taught elementary school for San Diego Unified for three years. She subsequently served in the San Diego City Attorney's Office in the criminal division and as head of the Consumer Fraud Unit from 1976-1985. Judge Huguenor was appointed to the El Cajon Municipal Court in 1985, where she served as Assistant Presiding Judge in 1987 and Presiding Judge in 1988. In 1996, she was elevated to the Superior Court.

Judge Huguenor and her husband have raised three children.

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