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Superior Court Judge William R. Nevitt, Jr. Retires

Superior Court Judge William R. Nevitt, Jr. is stepping down from the San Diego Superior Court bench after 20 years of service. Described by those who have appeared in his courtroom as gracious, courteous and levelheaded, he is also known as a prepared jurist who held the same expectation for the attorneys who appeared before him.

Appointed to the bench in 1995 by Governor Pete Wilson, Judge Nevitt spent his pre-judicial career in the private law sector: associate and later partner, Wright & L'Estrange (1983-95); associate, Sullivan & Jones (formerly Sullivan, Jones & Archer) (1980-83). Upon taking his oath, Judge Nevitt presided over felony trials and then Juvenile Court proceedings. In 1999, he began more than 15 years in the Court's Civil Division.

Presiding Judge David Danielsen said; "For two decades, the court, the lawyers and the community at large got the benefit of his ability and training – an officer and a gentleman, a talented man who delivered quality justice in a steady and consistent manner."

A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland (1971), Judge Nevitt spent six years as a Navy helicopter pilot before entering law school and receiving his law degree from

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the University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas (1980). He says he has been very fortunate to have been part of the San Diego legal community for 35 years -- 15 years as an attorney and 20 years as a Superior Court judge. "It has been a wonderful environment in which to work -- in both capacities. The citizenry of San Diego County can be very proud of their Superior Court and can have great confidence in it. It has been a privilege, an honor and a pleasure for me to have served the public in such a fine institution that is both exceptionally well staffed by such able and learned judges and such dedicated and professional court personnel and also very well tended by such an able and professional bar. I will very much miss associating with these enormous pools of talent, erudition, dedication and courage," says Judge Nevitt.

As for retirement, Judge Nevitt says, "I don't expect to engage in activities for monetary compensation. I'll be pursuing personal interests that I have not had the time to pursue earlier."

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