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Superior Court Judge Marshall Y. Hockett Retires

Superior Court Judge Marshall Y. Hockett is stepping down from the bench after more than 15 years of service. Appointed in 1999 by Governor Gray Davis, Judge Hockett, 68, presided over predominantly Family Law and Domestic Violence cases in the early years of his career before focusing on criminal matters. He has overseen the North County Criminal Arraignment Department in Vista since 2008.

“The Court is losing a kind and generous colleague who has been the constant face of the Superior Court in the North County as the many accused enter in the criminal justice system through Vista arraignment. We will miss his steady and reliable hand on the tiller and his calm demeanor,” said Presiding Judge David J. Daniels.

Judge Hockett joined the Court after working as a Supervising Attorney at Legal Aid Society of San Diego (1972-75); as an Attorney at Borevitz, Malkus, McDevitt, & Hockett in San Diego (1976-79); and after working in a private law practice in San Diego (1979-99).

Judge Hockett says, “Upon my appointment to the bench in 1999, I was the recipient of a great deal of advice from many sources. The most accurate came from retired Judge David Moon who emailed me saying, ‘Marshall, you will never have a dull day’.”

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As for the future, Judge Hockett says he and his beautiful bride of 40 years will continue to travel and help in spoiling their grandson Jaxson, age 2.

A graduate of Stanford University (Political Science; 1969), Judge Hockett received his law degree from the University of San Diego in 1972.

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