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MICHAEL MULVIHILL ELECTED TO SAN JOAQUIN SUPERIOR COURT BENCH

The Judges of the Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin are pleased to announce that former Chief Deputy District Attorney Michael Mulvihill will soon take the oath of office as San Joaquin County's newest Superior Court Judge. Mr. Mulvihill was elected to the bench by the voters of San Joaquin County during the general election this past November.

Prior to his election to the bench, Mr. Mulvihill worked for the San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office for 16 years. His career with the District Attorney's office is distinguished. In 1998, Mulvihill was hired as a Deputy District Attorney assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit. He quickly became the lead felony prosecutor in the Domestic Violence Unit for the Violence Against Women's Act Grant. Shortly thereafter, he was promoted to the Gang Prosecution Unit where he vertically prosecuted major violent gang crimes, including murder. In May 2005, Mulvihill was promoted to Supervising Deputy District Attorney for the Family Crimes Unit, which involved prosecuting domestic violence, stalking, elder Abuse (physical and financial) and real-estate fraud cases. In 2008, he was promoted to Supervising Deputy District Attorney of the Felony Trial Unit, where he oversaw nineteen Deputy District Attorneys. During this time, he was also the lead prosecutor for the Department of Juvenile Justice, and was the on-call felony prosecutor for the Stockton area. He was also responsible for the training of local law enforcement, felony prosecutors, and misdemeanor trial team. Mulvihill also served as the lead prosecutor for U.S. Department of Justice's "PROJECT GIDEON" and he was co-lead prosecutor for the Project CEASEFIRE. In addition to his duties as a supervisor, he also prosecuted violent felonies including homicide cases.

Mr. Mulvihill's dedication to the people of San Joaquin County is not only manifested through his work in the District Attorney's office, but also through his involvement in the legal field and community. He is and has been an active board member with numerous organizations including the Consuelo M. Callahan Inn of Court, Stockton Crime Stoppers, Pacific Legal Scholars, Board of Governor's San Joaquin County Bar Association, and was the President for the San Joaquin County Bar Association in 2014. Mulvihill has been an instructor for the California District Attorneys Association since 2008, training prosecutors in the state of California on evidence, gang prosecution, and domestic violence prosecution.

Mulvihill has been a vigorous advocate of crime prevention by speaking at schools about methods to stop and break the cycle of violence. In recent years, Mulvihill has made cyber bullying presentations throughout the county to curtail the in-school and online abuse which has become rampant in recent years. He has also instructed children and adolescents in this community about the dangers of gangs, how to avoid and ultimately how to quit them.

Mr. Mulvihill earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of San Diego in 1994 and Juris Doctorate Degree from Gonzaga University School of Law in Spokane, Washington in 1998. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in Stockton.

Mulvihill is the Assistant Coach of St. Mary's High School Varsity Lacrosse team. Mulvihill is married with one son. He is dedicated to ensuring justice and maintaining the highest level of integrity of the law for the county he has called home nearly all of his life. Mr. Mulvihill had this to say about his election to the bench, "I am truly honored to have been elected by the citizens of San Joaquin County to serve as a Superior Court Judge. I have lived in San Joaquin County almost my entire life and it is a true privilege to serve such an exceptional community. During my legal career I have always endeavored to ensure that justice was served while maintaining the highest integrity of the law. As a trial attorney for over sixteen years, I have seen the outstanding work our judges perform every day, and I look forward to serving our community from the bench and following in the footsteps of our excellent San Joaquin County Judges."

"We are thrilled to have a lawyer of Mike Mulvihill's caliber joining our local bench. Mike has deep ties to San Joaquin County. Throughout his career, Mike has demonstrated intelligence, energy, and a commitment to justice. We welcome him wholeheartedly," said Presiding Judge Lesley D. Holland. Mulvihill assumes the position left vacant by Judge Terrance Van Oss, who retired in November 2013. Mr. Mulvihill's public swearing in ceremony will take place Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 4 pm in Department 31 at the main Stockton Courthouse.

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