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William D. Johnson appointed to San Joaquin County Superior Court Bench

The Judges of the Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin are pleased to announce the swearing-in of William D. Johnson to the position of Superior Court Judge this Friday, January 22, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Johnson was appointed to the bench by Governor Schwarzenegger to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge F. Clark Sueyres in December 2009. Mr. Johnson had this to say about his appointment, "I am very honored to have been appointed to our bench and am proud to join these well respected jurists. I hope to perform my duties in a manner that contributes to our Court's well earned reputation as one of the finest court's in the state."

Mr. Johnson has had a successful litigation practice his entire career. He practiced criminal law from 1977 to 1984 in the San Joaquin County Public Defender's Office where he represented criminal defendants in Municipal, Juvenile, and Superior Courts. From 1984 to 2009, Johnson had a busy civil litigation practice in northern California with numerous jury trials, court trials, arbitrations, mediations, and appearances in 24 counties. In 2006, he expanded his practice to include parole violations and had in excess of 250 parole revocation hearings. In 2009, Mr. Johnson closed his civil practice and became a Staff Attorney for California Parole Advocacy Program where he supervised and supported panel attorneys in their representation of parolees. He held this position until his appointment to the bench this month.

Mr. Johnson has been an active member of the legal community. He has been a member of the San Joaquin County Bar Association since 1978. During his membership, he has served on the Board of Governors and as Secretary of the Board. He has participated on several committees including, but not limited to: the Lawyer Referral Service, Board of Representative, and Counsel for the Accused. He was also a member of the Association of Defense Counsel of California and Nevada from 1984 to 2007. In 1996, he wrote "When Physicians Must Report Child Abuse and Neglect," which was published in the *San Joaquin Physician*.

Mr. Johnson has not only been dedicated to his profession, but has also been dedicated to the local community. He has been actively involved within in the community for many years as a board member, coach, and fundraiser for soccer and baseball organizations and volunteer, fundraiser and booster for schools from elementary school to college.

Mr. Johnson earned his Juris Doctorate Degree from Seattle University School of Law in 1977 and Bachelor degrees in History from California State University, Fullerton in 1972.

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