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W. Stephen Scott appointed to San Joaquin County Superior Court Bench



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The Judges of the Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin are pleased to announce the appointment of W. Stephen Scott to the position of Superior Court Judge. Mr. Scott was appointed to the bench yesterday by Governor Schwarzenegger to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Thomas Harrington in November 2009. Mr. Scott had this to say about his appointment, "I am very pleased and honored that Gov. Schwarzenegger is giving me the opportunity to serve as a Judge. With over 30 years of legal practice I feel that I bring valuable experience to the bench. This is the culmination of my legal career and I look forward to serving with the local judiciary."

Mr. Scott 61, of Stockton, has been a partner for Scott and Nichols since 2005. He served as a partner for Scott, Nichols & Matteucci from 1997 to 2005 and with Taylor, Scott & Nichols from 1981 to 1997. Mr. Scott was an associate for Memering, Demers & Stumbos from 1976 to 1982. Mr. Scott was admitted to the California State Bar in December 1976. He earned a Juris Doctorate degree from McGeorge School of Law in 1976 and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley in 1971.

Over his successful legal career, his areas of practice have included civil rights law, employment law, insurance law, personal injury law. He has defended many public entities including the City of Stockton, San Joaquin County and a number of school districts. In January 2009, Mr. Scott also became a mediator and until his appointment to the bench was a mediator on the Superior Court's Civil Mediation Panel.

Mr. Scott has been an active member of the legal community. He has been a member of the San Joaquin County Bar Association since 1978. He is also a member of the Association of Defense Counsel of California, Defense Research Institute, and United States District Court – Eastern and Northern Districts.

Mr. Scott was born and raised in Stockton. He has been dedicated to the local community. In past years, he has been a member of Rotary and a board member for the Children's Home of Stockton. He has also served as President of the Senior Service Agency and as a member of the Downtown Parking District.

Presiding Judge Robin Appel who will be officiating Scott's formal and public swearing in ceremony at a date to be determined at the main Stockton Courthouse had this to say about his appointment to the bench, "We are thrilled with the governor's choice of Steve Scott as our newest judge. He is highly regarded in the legal community and we welcome him to the bench. He will be a wonderful judge."

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