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### **Phil Urie to be Sworn In 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 Deputy District Attorney Phil Urie to the position of Superior Court Judge. Mr. Urie was elected to the bench by the voters of San Joaquin County during the general election this past November. "I am grateful to the voters of San Joaquin County for this opportunity to serve my community as a judge and I look forward to helping with the court's overwhelming case load," Mr. Urie stated.

Mr. Urie has been a criminal prosecutor with the San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office for the last 23 years. He has had a number of assignments, which include reviewing misdemeanor and felony filings in the department's intake unit and prosecuting both misdemeanor and felony cases. A large portion of Mr. Urie's career at the District Attorney's Office was spent prosecuting asset forfeiture cases in civil and criminal court; where he came to be recognized as an expert on California's asset forfeiture laws. More recently, Urie was assigned back to prosecuting mainline felonies, including homicides, arsons, burglaries, kidnappings, robberies, illegal drugs, medical marijuana cases and large embezzlements.

Mr. Urie has been a member of various organizations, including the State Bar of California, the Bar of the United States Supreme Court, and the California District Attorneys Association – Asset Forfeiture Committee. He has taught Business Law at National University, Income Tax Law and Paralegal Studies at Humphreys College, and Beginning Russian at Delta College. Urie has also taught for the California Narcotics Officers Association and at federal roundtables.

Mr. Urie earned his Juris Doctorate Degree from University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law in 1981 and Bachelor degrees in Finance and Russian from the University of Utah. He also served for seven years in the United States Army as a French and Russian linguist with assignments in Ethiopia and Germany.

Urie assumes the position left vacant by Judge John Parker, who retired in February 2008. Presiding Judge William J. Murray who will be officiating Urie's formal and public swearing in ceremony this Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 4 pm in Department 31 at the main Stockton Courthouse commented, "We welcome Phil to the bench. We look forward to him becoming our colleague and sharing the opportunity we have as judges to serve our community. Despite the many challenges the court faces, he will surely find his service to our community as a judge to be rewarding."

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