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JUDGE ICHIKAWA RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

The Superior Court of California, County of Solano is pleased to announce that the Honorable Garry T. Ichikawa is the 2013 recipient of the Gloria Hobson Nordin Social Equity Award from the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA).

The ASPA is the premier professional organization for individuals working in public administration and promotes the art, practice and science of public administration with professionalism and fairness. The organization has more than 25 special interest sections where professionals can enhance their skills through networking and community engagement.

The Social Equity Award is presented by ASPA's Section on Democracy and Social Justice to recognize an exemplary public servant whose career demonstrates a promotion of fairness, justice, and equity.

Judge Ichikawa was appointed to the Solano County Superior Court in 2000 by Governor Gray Davis. Since his appointment, Judge Ichikawa has served as the Supervising Judge of Family Law for three years, Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court for six years and as a member of the Court Executive Committee for nine years. He is currently assigned to a family law court.

Throughout his career, Judge Ichikawa has shown a deep regard for his community and his profession. He has devoted countless volunteer hours to both. Judge Ichikawa attributes his passion for social justice to the lessons he learned in his childhood from his parents. Being of Japanese ancestry, his parents were sent to an "internment camp" during World War II and personally experienced one of our country's most dramatic examples of social injustice. Nonetheless, his father volunteered to act as an interpreter for the U.S. Army during the war and later helped obtain burial sites in the local cemetery to ensure that persons of Japanese ancestry who lived in the area prior to the war could be buried there. His mother returned to school and became a respected teacher in a local school.

Judge Robert C. Fracchia said, "Juvenile courts operate in obscurity because of confidentiality rules and good works are rarely recognized. During his tenure, Judge Ichikawa has been instrumental in developing protocols for foster youth and education services. He supports early intervention and voluntary maintenance services so cases stay out of court, which leads to better outcomes"

Judge Ichikawa established an in-house Dependency Drug Court program in 2006. The program has been highly successful and has helped numerous parents kick the habit of drugs and reunite with their children.

The award will be presented to Judge Ichikawa on March 17, 2013, at the ASPA conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.