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COURT ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF HON. D. SCOTT DANIELS

Fairfield, California – The Superior Court of California, County of Solano announces the retirement of the Hon. D. Scott Daniels effective April 14, 2023. Judge Daniels was appointed to the bench by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on April 13, 2005. Judge Daniels has served as the Court’s Presiding Judge (2010-2011), Assistant Presiding Judge (2008-2009), Supervising Family Law Judge (2008-2009) and Presiding Juvenile Court Judge (2016-2017). He has served as a judge in Civil, Criminal, Family and Juvenile, serving both in Fairfield and Vallejo. He currently presides over a criminal department in Fairfield.

Judge Daniels was born near Fresno in Dinuba, California, and moved to Vallejo when he was five years old. He grew up in Vallejo where his parents were both elementary school teachers for 30 years in the Vallejo Unified School District. Judge Daniels was a member of the first graduating class of St. Patrick’s High School in 1970.

Judge Daniels holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of California Los Angeles and his Juris Doctor from Whittier College School of Law. He was admitted to the State Bar of California in November 1978 and immediately began practicing at the Solano firm of Kilpatrick, Peterson & Ely. In 1986 he became a named partner of Kilpatrick, Kays, Daniels & Comisky. From 1997 to 2003, he practiced as the sole proprietor of the law firm of Kilpatrick & Daniels. Judge Daniels has served as the City Attorney for the City of Benicia and the City of Suisun City on a contract basis.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Daniels served on the Court’s Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators and as a Judge Pro Tem. In 2003 he was appointed to the bench as a Commissioner by the judges of the Superior Court and then elevated to judge in 2005 by Governor Schwarzenegger.

Upon his retirement announcement, Judge Daniels commented, “It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the people of Solano County as both a Commissioner and as a Superior Court Judge during the past 19 years. I leave the Court in the very capable and competent hands of my colleagues, who are dedicated to the principles of fairness and justice.”

Judge Wendy G. Getty, the Court’s Presiding Judge commented, “Judge Daniels served this community with honor and integrity. As a judicial officer in any assignment, he ensured that he was knowledgeable and intensely prepared. As a judicial colleague, Judge Daniels was always the first to help a new judicial officer, to share educational materials or to offer a helping hand. I attribute the collegiality our bench enjoys largely to the efforts led by Judge Daniels to promote inclusivity and camaraderie. Judge Daniels will be sorely missed.”