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SUPERIOR COURT ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara is very pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. David H. Yamasaki as the new Chief Executive Officer for the Court, effective July 2, 2008.

Mr. Yamasaki is currently the Assistant Executive Officer in the San Diego County Superior Court, overseeing all administrative and operational activities for the Central Division. The Central Division consists of approximately 90 judicial officers and over 900 employees. His current responsibilities include planning, organizing and directing activities for the criminal, civil, family law, traffic, probate, juvenile, court reporter and court interpreter operations in conjunction with goals set by the judiciary and executive officer.

He began his career with the San Diego County Superior Court in 1988 as the Administrative Operations Manager, responsible for directing the administrative needs of the Court including finance and personnel administration. He was promoted to Coordinator of Criminal Operations in 1992, responsible for planning, organizing and directing criminal court operations court-wide. In 1993, he was promoted to Director of Criminal Operations, responsible for overseeing all criminal court operations court-wide. In 1998, he was promoted to his current position of Assistant Executive Officer and has served in that capacity over the South County Division, the North County Division, and now over the Central County Division.

Mr. Yamasaki previously worked for the Los Angeles Municipal Court as a Senior Administrative Assistant for the Court Services Division Chief, as a Legal Research Assistant on the DUI Demonstration Project in the Los Angeles Municipal Courts Planning and Research Unit, and as a Deputy Clerk II in the San Diego Municipal Court.

In addition to 20 years of experience in judicial administration in California metropolitan courts, he possesses a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration from San Diego State University and a Master of Arts in Public Administration, with an emphasis in Judicial Administration, from the University of Southern California.

The judges look forward to the arrival of Mr. Yamasaki who will administratively lead our Court for many years to come.