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SAN MATEO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT ANNOUNCES
APPOINTMENT OF NEW PRESIDING JUDGE

Presiding Judge Mark R. Forcum announced today the San Mateo County Superior Court judges have elected Assistant Presiding Judge George A. Miram to serve as presiding judge for 2005-2006. At the same time, the judges elected Judge Robert D. Foiles to serve as assistant presiding judge for the next two years. Both elections were by unanimous vote, Forcum said “. . . Judge Miram is an outstanding administrator with tremendous vision and common sense.” Judge Miram has with Judge Forcum created many programs making the court more accessible to the public and more economical. Forcum noted Judge Miram, who has chaired the court’s jury committee for a number of years, “is chiefly responsible for many positive changes the court has made with respect to our use of jurors.” Forcum noted further the State Administrative Office of the Courts recently commended the court for its juror’s outreach programs. Miram has served as assistant presiding judge for the last two years. He also served as a Supervising Civil Judge in 2003 and as a case management judge for a number of years. Miram was also responsible for chairing the committee that developed the court’s highly successful Bridges Drug and Alcohol Treatment Program. Miram was appointed to the San Mateo County bench by former Governor Pete Wilson in 1995. Before his appointment, Judge Miram worked as a deputy county counsel and deputy district

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attorney.

Judge Foiles will serve as the court's assistant presiding judge for 2005 and 2006. According to Judge Forcum, Judge Foiles "will be a strong asset as one of the court's chief administrative judges."

Judge Foiles has in Forcum's administration, served as Supervising Criminal Judge in 2003 and as supervising judge of civil operations and Alternate Dispute Resolution in 2004. Prior to that, Foiles served as Criminal Presiding Judge overseeing all felony cases and he also was a family law judge.

"Judge Foiles' intelligence and strong understanding of all the functions of the court and their complexity makes him an outstanding choice to serve as Judge Miram's assistant presiding judge" according to Forcum. Foiles was appointed to the San Mateo County bench in 1997 by Governor Pete Wilson. He previously worked for a number of years in the district attorney's office, prosecuting a number of special circumstance homicide cases.

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