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SAN MATEO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT ANNOUNCES ELECTION OF NEW PRESIDING JUDGE

Presiding Judge George A. Miram announced today that the San Mateo County Superior Court judges have elected Assistant Presiding Judge Robert D. Foiles to serve as presiding judge for 2007-2008. At the same time, the judges elected Judge Stephen M. Hall to serve as assistant presiding judge for the next two years. Both elections were by majority vote. Miram said "Judge Foiles is an outstanding administrator with tremendous vision and common sense. He brings a wealth of experience to a demanding position." Miram noted Judge Foiles has been instrumental in establishing the PATHWAYS mental health court, which the court recently opened. Foiles has served as assistant presiding judge for the last two years. He also served as a supervising civil judge in 2005-06, presiding criminal judge in 2000, and as a family law judge in 1998 and 1999. Foiles was appointed to the San Mateo County bench by former Governor Pete Wilson in 1997. Before his appointment, Judge Foiles worked as a district attorney in San Mateo County, trying homicide and other serious cases.

Judge Hall will serve as the court's assistant presiding judge for 2007 and 2008. According to Judge Miram, Judge Hall "will be a strong asset as one of the court's chief administrative judges."

Judge Hall has served as presiding criminal judge in 2001 and 2006. Hall has also served as presiding family law judge from 1998-2000.

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

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