



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
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San Mateo Superior Court Bench Elects Presiding Judge and Assistant Presiding Judge

The San Mateo County Superior Court judges have elected their Presiding Judge and Assistant Presiding Judge for the years 2011 and 2012. The Honorable Beth Labson Freeman was selected as the Presiding Judge, having served as Assistant Presiding Judge for the past two years. The Honorable Robert D. Foiles returns to serve as the Assistant Presiding Judge.

Judge Freeman was appointed to the bench in December 2000. She has served as the Supervising Judge of the Family Law Department, Law and Motion Judge, and handled many other supervisory positions prior to her election as the Assistant Presiding Judge in 2009. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Freeman served as a Deputy County Counsel for San Mateo County between 1983 and 2000. Prior to that time she worked as an associate with Lasky Hass, and Fried Frank Harris Shriver and Jacobson.

Presiding Judge Stephen M. Hall notes: *Judge Freeman has a broad and diverse background and will do an excellent job as our Presiding Judge. I am pleased that I will be leaving the leadership of our Court in her capable hands.*

Judge-Elect Robert D Foiles was appointed to the bench in February 1997. He previously served as Presiding Judge for the years 2007 and 2008. He presently serves as the Supervising Judge of the Civil Division. Presiding Judge Hall noted: *Having recently served as Presiding Judge, Bob is well aware of the current issues facing our Court. His experience and leadership abilities will prove helpful in these most challenging fiscal times.*

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