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Sacramento Superior Court Assistant Presiding Judge Election

Yesterday the Judges of the Sacramento Superior Court elected Judge Robert C. Hight as the next Assistant Presiding Judge. Judge Hight's term will commence on January 1, 2012 and will continue through December 31, 2013. He will replace current Assistant Presiding Judge Laurie Earl who was elected in September as the next Presiding Judge.

As Assistant Presiding Judge, he will be the second-in-command administratively over the court's other 60 Superior Court judges, 7 referees and 6 commissioners who work in 7 court facilities staffed by approximately 740 court employees.

Upon election by his peers, Judge Hight stated, "I am honored by the support and confidence of my colleagues. The Sacramento Superior Court faces the worst budget crisis in its history. We are trying mightily to ensure that the citizens of Sacramento County have continued access to their courts and justice."

In addition to his duties on the bench, Judge Hight has assumed leadership of the working group planning for the construction of a new Criminal Courthouse in Sacramento.

Judge Hight was appointed to the Sacramento bench by Governor Gray Davis in 2003. Judge Hight previously worked for the State Lands Commission from 1971 to 1999. From 1974 to 1994 he was Chief Counsel at the Commission and then Executive Officer from 1994 to 1999. In 1999, then Gov. Gray Davis asked him serve as the Director at the Department of Fish and Game.

Judge Hight received his law degree from McGeorge School of Law.