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The Superior Court of California, County of Solano is pleased to announce the confirmation of the Honorable D. Scott Daniels as the new Presiding Judge of the Court and the election of the Honorable Paul L. Beeman as the incoming Assistant Presiding Judge of the Court, beginning January 1, 2010.

Judge Ramona J. Garrett, current Presiding Judge, said, "The Solano County Superior Court will face significant challenges in the immediate future because of the state budget crisis. Judge Daniels and Judge Beeman will provide strong, prudent leadership of the court during the 2010-2011 term."

Judge D. Scott Daniels, incoming Presiding Judge, stated, "It is an honor and a privilege to be selected by my colleagues to lead the Court. I look forward to serving the Court and the citizens of Solano County in the administration of justice."

Judge Daniels holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of California at Los Angeles (1974) and his Juris Doctor from Whittier College School of Law (1978). He was admitted to the State Bar of California in November 1978, began practicing law in 1978 at Kilpatrick, Peterson & Ely, and in 1986 became a named partner of Kilpatrick, Kays, Daniels & Comisky. From 1997 to 2003, he continued to practice law as the sole proprietor of the law firm of Kilpatrick & Daniels.

Judge Daniels has served as City Attorney for the City of Benicia (1984-1986) and for the City of Suisun (1982-1984). From 1990 to 2003, he served on the Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators for the Solano County Court, handling approximately 200 cases during his years of service.

From 2002 to 2003, Judge Daniels served as Judge Pro Tem for the Solano County Court. From 2003 to 2005, he served as Trial Court Commissioner. In April 2005, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Judge Daniels to the Superior Court of Solano County. Judge Daniels has served as Chairperson of the Solano County Superior Court Strategic Planning Committee and currently serves as the Supervising Judge of the Family Law Division, presiding over family law and probate conservatorship cases.

Judge Paul L. Beeman, incoming Assistant Presiding Judge, commented, "I am very much looking forward to working with Judge Daniels in the administration of justice."

Judge Beeman earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from California State University, Hayward (1968) and his Juris Doctor from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law (1973). He was admitted to the State Bar of California in December 1973.

From 1973-2000, Judge Beeman was a partner in the Law Offices of Beeman and Beeman, specializing in personal injury/product liability litigation. His practice included medical malpractice, federal tort claims and criminal law, where he tried over 30 civil and criminal jury trials. From 1990 to 2000, Judge Beeman arbitrated and mediated over 150 cases for the Superior Court of Solano County.

In April 2000, Governor Gray Davis appointed Judge Beeman to the Superior Court of Solano County. Judge Beeman's judicial assignments have included juvenile delinquency and dependency, adult felonies and his current assignment, since January 2004, in the Civil Division.