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Superior Court Elects Presiding Judge and Assistant Presiding Judge

Today the San Mateo County Superior Court elected a new Presiding Judge and Assistant Presiding Judge to serve over the next two years. Elected by their colleagues, Judge Stephen M. Hall and Beth Labson Freeman shall serve as Presiding Judge and Assistant Presiding Judge respectively commencing January of 2009.

Outgoing Presiding Judge, Robert Foiles described Judge Hall as an “outstanding asset to the court. Not only is he an exceptional trial judge, but his administrative skills and knowledge of court operations make him an excellent choice as Presiding Judge.” A graduate of Santa Clara School of Law and Stanford University, Judge Hall worked first as a police officer and deputy district attorney before being appointed to the bench in 1997. Most recently he served as Assistant Presiding Judge where he supervised the court’s commissioners and the Appellate Division of the Superior Court.

Assistant Presiding Judge-elect Beth Labson Freeman is a graduate of Harvard Law School and prior to her appointment to the bench in 2000, worked in the San Mateo County Counsel’s Office. Her present assignment includes case management as well as civil and criminal trials. “Judge Freeman is an incredibly intelligent jurist who, I have no doubt, will excel in her new position”, Foiles said.