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The Superior Court of California, County of Solano is pleased to announce the confirmation of the Honorable Paul L. Beeman as the incoming Presiding Judge of the Court and the election of the Honorable E. Bradley Nelson as the incoming Assistant Presiding Judge of the Court, beginning January 1, 2012.

Judge D. Scott Daniels, current Presiding Judge, said, "The Superior Court of Solano County will face significant challenges in the coming years to address unprecedented budget shortfalls in the judicial branch. Judge Beeman and Judge Nelson are extraordinary jurists and with their combined knowledge and experience, I am confident that they will successfully lead us through these difficult times."

Judge Paul L. Beeman, incoming Presiding Judge, commented, "We have our work cut out for us. The biggest task will be to protect and keep our employees while, at the same time, trying to provide full services to the public with dramatically fewer dollars. Fiscal year 2012-2013 will be much worse than this year. Performing all of our responsibilities, in a timely manner, will be exceedingly difficult."

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 to 1978, Judge Beeman was a partner in the Law Offices of Beeman Bradley Brown and Beeman and from 1979 to 2000 he 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 1988 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 bench. Judge Beeman's judicial assignments have included juvenile delinquency and dependency, adult felonies and his current assignment, since January 2004, in the Civil Division. Other judicial service includes serving as a member of the En Banc Appellate Department from 2004-2005, Chairman of the ADR Committee from 2008 to the present, Member of the Solano Bench Executive Committee from 2008 to the present, CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Judge from 2006 to the present, Supervising Judge of the Vallejo Court Branch from 2008 to 2009 and Assistant Presiding Judge from 2009 to the present.

Judge Nelson earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Santa Cruz and his Juris Doctor from the University of California, Davis School of Law. He was admitted to the State Bar of California in November 1979.

From 1980 to 1982, Judge Nelson was a deputy public defender with the Solano County Public Defender's Office. He was in private practice in Solano County for 25 years. From 1982 to 1990, he was a partner with the law firm of Power, Hagler & Nelson and from 1990 to 1999 with Hagler & Nelson. Judge Nelson was a solo practitioner from 1999 to 2007, specializing in civil and criminal litigation, and he also served for four years as an Adjunct Professor of Law and Lecturer for the Trial Practice Program at the University of California, Davis.

From October 2007 to July 2008, Judge Nelson served as Solano Trial Court Commissioner. In July 2008, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger elevated Judge Nelson to the Superior Court of Solano County bench. Since his appointment to the Solano Superior Court Bench, Judge Nelson has presided over a criminal calendar, consisting primarily of felony cases.