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### **NEW PRESIDING JUDGE AND ASSISTANT PRESIDING JUDGE ANNOUNCED**

The Superior Court of California, County of Solano is pleased to announce the confirmation of the Honorable E. Bradley Nelson as the incoming Presiding Judge of the Court and the election of the Honorable Robert C. Fracchia as the incoming Assistant Presiding Judge of the Court, beginning January 1, 2014.

*Judge Paul L. Beeman*, current Presiding Judge, said, "I am very pleased that Judge Nelson and Judge Fracchia have been chosen to lead our Court for the next two years. Our financial situation is quite difficult. However, they are both excellent judges and I am certain they will do an outstanding job."

*Judge E. Bradley Nelson*, incoming Presiding Judge, commented, "I am extremely grateful for the support and confidence my colleagues have expressed in me. I look forward to working with all of them to help guide the court through what promises to be another two years of challenging budgets. My colleagues and I all have a heartfelt appreciation for the hard work and sacrifice the court's employees have made in the current economic climate."

*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.

*Judge Fracchia*, earned a Bachelor of Arts in Social Ecology with an emphasis in criminal and juvenile justice from the University of California, Irvine and his Juris Doctorate from the University of California, Davis.

From 1997 to 2005, Judge Fracchia maintained a solo legal practice with an emphasis in criminal law, civil litigation, and personal injury and served as an appointed mediator and arbitrator for the Solano Superior Court. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Fracchia also served as an Administrative Law Judge for the State of California, Office of Administrative Hearings, a Judge Pro Tem for the Northern Solano Municipal Court, a Juvenile Court Referee for the Solano Superior Court and as Deputy Public Defender for the Office of the Solano County Public Defender.

Judge Fracchia was appointed in August 2005 as a Commissioner for the Solano Superior Court and was elevated in July 2008 by Governor Schwarzenegger. Judge Fracchia is currently the Presiding Judge for the Juvenile Division of the court.