

WATSON, John Michael. JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT, Orange County. Appointed (succeeding Judge David G. Sills, elevated) by Governor Deukmejian December 6, 1990 (oath December 7, 1990), and elected in 1992 (unopposed). Chair, Employee Appreciation Committee 1996__. Judge, Municipal Court, Orange County Harbor Judicial District, Orange County, October 10, 1989 (date of oath) to December 7, 1990, appointed (succeeding Judge Russell A. Bostrum, retired) September 24, 1989 by Governor Deukmejian. Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles County, 1970-89 (served 4 years as Special Trial Deputy, 5 years as Chief, Crimes Against Peace Officers Section; and 7 years in Organized Crime Section; tried numerous death penalty cases and cases involving organized crime). Admitted to California Bar January 15, 1970, J.D. (1969), University of California, Los Angeles (Westwood), School of Law, B.A. (1966, Psychology), Loyola University (now Loyola-Marymount University), Los Angeles, Los Angeles County. Born March 21, 1944 in Santa Monica, California. Marital status, divorced. Two sons.

Member: California Judges Association, 1989__. Enjoys sailing, skiing and hiking.

Assignments: Supervising Judge of Civil Panel, 2002-; Civil Panel 1993-present; Criminal Panel 1990-92.

Office: Courthouse, Department C15, 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, 92701, (714) 834-4685 (subject to change) or (714) 834-3734 (general number).