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Retirement of Two Top-level Court Executives Prompts Court to Reorganize Administrative Management

Santa Ana, Ca - Two court employees, who have made significant contributions to the Orange County Superior Court through their long tenure and leadership, will retire from the court this month. Executive Officer Joyce Ziegler, who has been with the court for more than 30 years and headed the court's Human Resources and Organizational Development Departments, and had previously served as the Executive Officer for the former South Orange County Municipal Court, will retire on March 23. Louise Napoli, the executive director for Family Law, Probate and Juvenile Courts operations at the Lamoreaux Justice Center, will retire on March 8 with more than 22 years of service to the court and County of Orange.

"Both of these women brought a wealth of talent and dedication to our court. In anticipation of their departure, and to spur the continued improvements made by the court in recent years, the court has begun to implement some organizational and personnel changes," said Alan Slater, Chief Executive Officer of the Court. "The court is focused on team building to achieve a high performance organization. Judges and managers, working together, will help us to achieve the goals identified in our strategic plan of improved service delivery and increased access to our community," added Slater.

The court's 1,500 employees will be part of a streamlined organization with three chief officers, instead of the previous five executive officers. James Peterson has been selected to serve as the Chief Operations Officer and will be responsible for criminal and civil court operations at all of the court's five justice centers. William Brennan will serve as the Chief Financial Officer and be responsible for managing budget development and financial and logistic support. Robert Kuhel will serve as Chief Administrative Officer overseeing human resources and the court's management services division. Alan Slater will continue to serve as the court's Chief Executive Officer, Clerk

of the Orange County Superior Court and Jury Commissioner.

The executive director position at the Lamoreaux Justice Center will be filled by Pat Hill who had served as the court's executive director of the Central Justice Center's Civil, Appellate and Special Services Divisions. Joyce Geisman, formerly the executive director at the Harbor Justice Center, will now oversee the Central Justice Center's Civil, Appellate and Special Services Division.

Other retirements this month include Trudy Hoyle, who served the court and county for 37.5 years and most recently was a supervisory clerk at the Central Justice Center, and Katie Nordbak, who served the court for 25 years in many capacities and most recently was a director of felony operations at the Central Justice Center.

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