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Judges Elect Hon. Glenda Sanders as Presiding Judge and Hon. Charles Margines as Assistant Presiding Judge

Santa Ana – The judges of the Orange County Superior Court elected Hon. Glenda Sanders as Presiding Judge and Hon. Charles Margines as Assistant Presiding Judge, announced the Court's current Presiding Judge, Hon. Thomas J. Borris. Both Judge Sanders and Judge Margines ran unopposed for two-year terms that begin January 1, 2014.

Judge Sanders has served as Assistant Presiding Judge since her election on August 28, 2012. She was a member of the Civil Panel from July 2009 and served as Supervising Judge of the Civil Panel from January 2012. She was previously a member of the Felony Trial Panel and Supervising Judge of the Harbor Justice Center. Her first assignment was at the West Justice Center in Westminster. She also served as an alternate member of the Court's Executive Committee, as elected by her fellow judges. Judge Sanders was sworn in as judge of the Orange County Superior Court in January 2003.

Judge Sanders graduated from the Law Schools of Natal University in South Africa in 1979, and Cambridge University in England in 1981. As an assistant professor, she taught Corporate Law and Torts at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. After trying a variety of criminal and civil matters in South Africa, she joined the law firm of Latham & Watkins in California in 1986 where she practiced as an associate until 1992, and then as a partner until 2000.

Judge Margines has served as Supervising Judge of the Civil Panel since August 2012, filling the vacancy created by Judge Sanders' election as Assistant Presiding Judge, and has been on the Civil Panel since 2003. He was a member of the Felony Trial Panel from 2000-2003. Judge Margines was appointed by Governor Pete Wilson as a judge of the Orange County Municipal Court in May 1993, and upon unification of the Municipal and Superior Courts effective August 10, 1998, was elevated to judge of the Orange County Superior Court.

Judge Margines graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Law School in 1974 and from UCLA with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English in 1970. He was a Deputy Public Defender in Orange County from 1975-1981, and then went into private practice concentrating on criminal defense and some personal injury cases from 1981-1993. In 1992, he was named a Certified Specialist in Criminal Law, by the Board of Legal Specialization, State Bar of California.