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**Judges Elect Two New Commissioners**

**Santa Ana, CA** – The Judges of the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, have elected Sheila Recio and Paul Minerich as Commissioners, announced Presiding Judge Charles Margines. Commissioners serve as subordinate judicial officers of the Court. They may be assigned to hear cases such as family, juvenile, traffic, small claims, and landlord/tenant matters.

Ms. Recio has served the Court in multiple positions, including as a Senior Research Attorney, Counsel to the Presiding Judge, and most recently, as Deputy General Counsel overseeing the Court's Legal Research Attorney unit. While at the Court, she has volunteered as a temporary judge on civil law and motion matters and case management conferences, as needed. Before joining the Court in 2005, Ms. Recio was an Associate with the law firm of Morrison & Foerster LLP and, prior to that, worked as a Research Attorney for the Los Angeles County Superior Court. She earned her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Southern California and her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Mr. Minerich has had a private law practice in Santa Ana since 1979, practicing civil, criminal, and family law litigation. He has volunteered as a temporary judge for traffic, small claims, and family law matters. For family law cases, he has assisted with mandatory settlement conferences, case resolutions, and status conference hearings. He has been a Certified Specialist in Family Law since 2007. He also served as an arbitrator for the Court on personal injury and business cases for about 10 years. Mr. Minerich earned his Juris Doctor degree from Pepperdine University School of Law and his Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University, Fullerton.

Ms. Recio will take the Oath of Office on May 27 and Mr. Minerich will take the Oath of Office on June 17. The annual salary for a Commissioner is \$160,680.

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