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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Tom Wills Sworn In as Judge

The Superior Court of California for the County of Monterey is pleased to announce that Thomas W. Wills was sworn into office by Presiding Judge Russell D. Scott on Friday afternoon, June 20, 2008.

On May 16, 2008, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Thomas W. Wills to a judgeship position in the Monterey County Superior Court.

Judge Wills, 59, of Monterey, was a partner in the law firm Wills & Benoit since 1998. He previously was an attorney and then partner with the law firm Bryan, Ames, Wills & Benoit from 1982 to 1998, associate with Pioda, Bryan & Ames from 1980 to 1982 and a sole practitioner in Monterey County from 1979 to 1980. Judge Wills earned a Juris Doctorate degree from Monterey College of Law and a Bachelor of Science degree from Fordham University. He fills the vacancy created by former Judge Jose A. Velasquez.

Presiding Judge Russell Scott stated, "Judge Wills brings a wealth of knowledge to the Court and will be a tremendous asset to the bench." His judicial assignment will begin at the Salinas Courthouse.

Judge Wills will be officially sworn in on Friday, July 11, 2008 at the Salinas Courthouse.

*The mission of the Court is to dispense justice in all matters within
its jurisdiction in an impartial manner and in accordance with the law.*