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MONTEREY SUPERIOR COURT PRESIDING JUDGE ANNOUNCES JUDICIAL LEADERSHIP FOR 2018

From: Presiding Judge Mark E. Hood:

I am pleased to announce that the Honorable Julie R. Culver will commence her term as Monterey County Superior Court's Assistant Presiding Judge effective January 1, 2018. Judge Culver will serve as Assistant Presiding Judge (APJ) in 2018 – 2019 and as Presiding Judge (PJ) in 2020 – 2021.

Judge Culver has served on the Monterey Superior Court since her appointment in 2010 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Judge Culver's current assignment to a felony trial court involves handling a demanding calendar including complex and challenging criminal cases. Locally Judge Culver has served as chair of the Monterey County Court Technology Committee and chair of the court committee charged with updating Monterey County Local Court Rules. At the state level, Judge Culver has recently been reappointed to serve on the Judicial Counsel of California, Information Technology Advisory Committee where she has served for the past 3 years.

Prior to her appointment to the bench in 2010, Judge Culver practiced corporate law, ultimately serving as General Counsel for Shop.com. She also served Monterey County as a Deputy District Attorney from 1985 through 1999.

Additionally, effective January 1, 2018, Judge Lydia M. Villarreal will commence her term as Monterey County Superior Court's Presiding Judge (PJ) in 2018 – 2019.

I appreciate the willingness of each of these well-respected Judicial Officers to serve at this level and individually contribute to the success of court operations.

***Thank you and I hope you will join me in welcoming Judge Culver in her new
Judicial Leadership role!***

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