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Frederick P. Horn is Elected Orange County Superior Court's New Presiding Judge

Santa Ana - Judges of the Orange County Superior Court elected Frederick P. Horn as presiding judge and David T. McEachen as the assistant presiding judge at an election held Friday, June 22. Both will begin their two-year term in January 2002, when the current presiding judge and assistant presiding judge terms expire.

"I'm looking forward to the challenges and rewards of leading the court as it moves forward as a unified court which began in 1998 with Presiding Judge Kathleen O'Leary and further advanced by Presiding Judge C. Robert Jameson," said Judge Horn.

Judge Horn, 58, currently serves as assistant presiding judge of the court since his election in April 2000, and is very active in judicial and court education programs related to the Americans with Disabilities Act. He also chairs the California's Judicial Council's Access and Fairness Advisory Committee and is a member of the Planning Committee for California's Continuing Judicial Studies Program.

In addition to his court activities, Judge Horn is a faculty member at the B.E. Witkin Judicial College at Berkeley, California and at the California Continuing Judicial Studies Program. He has been an instructor at the National Judicial College at the University of Nevada, Reno, and also has conducted training programs on the Americans with Disabilities Act on a national level..

Judge Horn was elevated to the Orange County Superior Court in 1993 by Governor Wilson after being appointed to the Orange County Municipal Court, Harbor Judicial District in 1990 by Governor Deukmejian. Before becoming a judge, he was a prosecutor with the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office from 1974 until 1991 where he tried cases involving hard-core gang members and crimes against police officers. He was a police officer with the City of Santa Monica from 1965 until 1971, except for a two-year break in service when he served in the U.S. Army from 1967 until 1969. He left the Santa Monica Police Department in 1971 at the rank of sergeant when he was hired as an investigator for the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office.

Judge Horn earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of West Los Angeles and a juris doctorate from the University of West Los Angeles School of Law. He is married to Carolyn Kirkwood, who is a supervising attorney with the Orange County Deputy District Attorney's Office, and they reside in Santa Ana, California.

Judge David T. McEachen is currently the supervising judge of the civil panel and was a moving force behind the Orange County Superior Court Drug Court program which he started in 1995. He has also served as Presiding Judge of the North Orange County Municipal Court in 1993. He has won numerous awards and was voted Judge of the Year in 2000 by the Orange County Trial Lawyers Association. He is president of the Orange County Chapter of the Judge Robert A. Banyard Inns of Court.

He was elevated to the Orange County Superior Court in 1993 by Governor Wilson after being appointed to the North Orange County Municipal Court in 1990 by Governor Deukmejian. From 1974 until 1990, Judge McEachen was an attorney in private practice. He earned a bachelor of science degree from Oregon State University, Corvallis and a juris doctorate from Southwestern University School of Law.

Born on the 4th of July 1942, Judge McEachen served two tours during the Vietnam War, 1965-66 and 1967-68. He was discharged from the U.S. Navy at the rank of Lieutenant after receiving the National Defense Ribbon and Vietnam Service Ribbon.

Judge McEachen is married to Judi McEachen, principal of Burroughs School in Long Beach, Ca. They have two grown children Ryan David and Sarah Kathryn.

In addition to the election for presiding judge and assistant presiding judge, the judges and commissioners of the Superior Court elected members and alternate members to the Court's Executive Committee for the term July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002. The Executive Committee which is chaired by the presiding judge is the principal policy-making body of the court and also serves the court's personnel and budget committee. The assistant presiding judge serves as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee:

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate Member</u>
Group 1:	Judge Richard Frazee	Judge Thomas Thrasher
Group 2:	Judge Nancy Weiben Stock	Judge David C. Velasquez
Group 3:	Judge Ronald L. Bauer	Judge Ronald C. Kline
Group 4:	Judge Joy W. Markman	Judge William M. Monroe
Group 5:	Judge Stephen Sundvold	Judge Thierry Colaw
Group 6:	Judge Robert H. Gallivan	Judge Gregory H. Lewis
Group 7:	Judge Thomas J. Borris	Judge Jamoa A. Moberly
Group 8:	Judge David A. Thompson	Judge Clay M. Smith
Group 9 :	Judge John D. Conley	Judge M. Marc Kelly

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(Editor's note: A digital photo of Judges Horn is available upon request by calling 714- 834-7623).

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