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California Chief Justice Appoints Orange County Superior Court Judge Frederick Horn to a Prominent State Judicial Council Committee

Santa Ana— Chief Justice Ronald M. George announced yesterday that he has appointed Presiding Judge (elect) Frederick P. Horn of the Superior Court of Orange County as chair of the Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee. The committee is comprised of 58 presiding judges representing each county of the State and is tasked with making recommendations to the Judicial Council on issues affecting the trial courts. The Judicial Council, established in 1926, makes improvements to the statewide court administration by providing policy direction to the courts and providing recommendations to the Governor and Legislature.

Judge Horn, an advisory member of the Judicial Council, was elected presiding judge of the Orange County Superior Court in June 2001 and will assume a two-year term beginning January 2002. He has been active in judicial and court education programs related to the Americans with Disabilities Act and served as chair of the California's Judicial Council's Access and Fairness Advisory Committee. He is also a member of the Planning Committee for California's Continuing Judicial Studies Program.

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.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

In addition to the Chief Justice, the 21 members of the Judicial Council include 14 judges appointed by the Chief Justice (1 associate justice of the Supreme Court, 3 justices of the Courts of Appeal, and 10 trial court judges); 4 attorney members appointed by the State Bar Board of Governors; and 1 member from each house of the Legislature. The council also has 6 advisory members.

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