



Superior Court of California

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PASSING OF DONALD HURLEY COURT MENTAL HEALTH HEARING OFFICER

The Ventura Superior Court regrets to announce the passing on February 9, 2023, of Mental Health Hearing Officer Donald Hurley. In his role as Mental Health Hearing Officer, Mr. Hurley was responsible for presiding over proceedings regarding involuntary medical holds at Ventura County mental health facilities and conservatorship proceedings under the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act. He had served in that capacity since September 2018. For many years, Mr. Hurley also assisted the Court as a Judge Pro Tem in the Court's probate courtroom.

Presiding Judge Kevin G. DeNoce stated: "Donald Hurley served this court admirably and was a great asset to the administration of justice as a Mental Health Hearing Officer. He served our court tirelessly and with great dedication."

Prior to working at the Court, Mr. Hurley was an attorney with the Ventura County Counsel's Office. During his 30-year career with County Counsel, he provided legal representation and wrote legal opinions for various Ventura County entities, including the Board of Education, Department of Airports, Medical Examiner, Public Administrator/Public Guardian, Superintendent of Schools and the County Recorder. He retired in 2010 as a Senior Civil Attorney.

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