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JUDGE CHARLES W. CAMPBELL NAMED JUDGE OF THE YEAR

Retired Judge Charles W. Campbell has been named Judge of the Year by the Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association. The honor was bestowed at the association's 34th annual Judges' Night dinner on March 27, 2012.

The award recognizes exceptional judicial performance balanced with courtesy and compassion toward litigants and attorneys. Honorees are selected by a committee comprised of a diverse group of trial lawyers from the civil and criminal arenas.

Judge Campbell served as a judge for 20 years. He retired in 2008, but continues to serve on assignment. He is a former presiding judge of the superior court, having been elected to the position by his fellow judges in 1998, 1999 and 2000.

Judge Campbell was appointed to the municipal court by Governor Deukmejian in 1988. He was elevated to the superior court by Governor Wilson in 1992.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Campbell was a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office for nine years, where he rose to the position of Assistant District Attorney. Before that, he briefly worked in civil law.

Also honored at the event was Judge Ken W. Riley, who retired in 2009 after 20 years on the bench. A formal portrait was unveiled and presented to the court by the Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association. The association has selected one judge annually for the honor of a portrait since 1978.

Judge Riley was appointed to the Municipal Court bench by Governor George Deukmejian in December 1988. He was elected to the Superior Court bench four years later in 1992.

Judge Riley has presided over a wide range of assignments including juvenile dependency, probate, civil, and general criminal trials. He was named Judge of the Year by the Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association in 1989, and again in 2005.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Riley was a senior attorney, special assistant to the district attorney, and assistant felony supervisor with the Ventura County District Attorney's Office. He is also a former attorney for the Ventura County Public Guardian's Office and Internal Revenue Service auditor.

His portrait and those of previous honorees can be viewed by the public in Courtroom 22 on the second floor of the Hall of Justice in Ventura.

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