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## **JUDGE BYSSHE ELECTED TO CALIFORNIA JUDGES ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Ventura Superior Judge Court Frederick H. Bysshe has been elected to the Executive Board of the California Judges Association. He was sworn-in by Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye on October 13, 2012. He is the first Ventura County judge to serve in this capacity.

The California Judges Association is a professional association representing the judiciary of the State of California. Members include judges of the Superior Courts and Courts of Appeal, Commissioners of State courts and State Bar Court judges. CJA is governed by a democratically-elected, 25-member Executive Board. Representatives are drawn from 12 regional districts and also from the Court of Appeal, commissioners and retired bench officers. Judge Bysshe will represent judges in the counties of Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, and Ventura.

Judge Bysshe was appointed to the Ventura Superior Court bench by former Governor Gray Davis in December 2000. He is currently assigned to Courtroom 41 hearing unlimited civil trials. Past assignments have included civil and criminal trials. Judge Bysshe is a graduate of the University of Redlands and UC Hastings College of Law.

Judge Bysshe began his legal career in 1963 as a prosecutor in the Riverside County District Attorney's office, where he quickly rose in ranks to Assistant

District Attorney. In 1970, he moved to Ventura and joined the firm of Lucking & Bertelsen, which later became Lucking, Bertelsen, Bysshe, Kuttler & Smiley. Between 1990 and 1992, he was a partner in the firm of Bysshe and La Rochelle. In 1992, Judge Bysshe was the proprietor of the Law Offices of Frederick H. Bysshe. His practice included a wide variety of matters, including family law, business and corporate law, real estate, bankruptcy, estate planning, workers' compensation, commercial litigation, personal injury, insurance defense and criminal defense.

Judge Bysshe was one of four founding members to serve on the Ventura County Superior Court's Arbitration Administration Committee in 1978. He served as an arbitrator and judge pro tem in numerous matters.

Judge Bysshe is a former president of the Riverside County Peace Officers' Association, Ventura Downtown Rotary Club, Ventura County Bar Association, Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association and Ventura County Criminal Bar Association. He has served on numerous boards including: the Ventura Downtown Rotary Club, Ventura County Archeological Society, Ventura Girls Club, Ventura County YMCA, Ventura County Law Library, Ventura County Diabetes Association, Boys and Girls Club of Ventura, Ventura County Cancer Society and the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy.

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