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## **JUDGE BRUCE A. YOUNG RECEIVES PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD**

Judge Bruce A. Young has been selected as one of the recipients of the Oxnard Knights of Columbus Public Safety Award for 2013. The award was presented at the group's Public Safety Night held on April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Council 750, in Oxnard.

Each year, The Knights of Columbus recognize and honor approximately fourteen men and women from law enforcement, military, fire protection, and the judiciary for their service to our community and country.

Judge Young was appointed to the superior court bench by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on August 20, 2007. Previously, he had been a commissioner with the Ventura Superior Court since 2003.

He served as the Supervising Judge of the Criminal Department from April 2009 to February 2012, where he presided over the Criminal Master Trial Calendar in Courtroom 13.

Prior to becoming a judicial officer, Judge Young was a deputy district attorney for the Ventura County District Attorney's Office from 1999 to 2003 and a partner with the law firm Drescher, McConica, Onstot, Schuck & Young from 1993 to 1999. He also served as a partner in the law firm Drescher, McConica & Young from 1989 to 1993.

Judge Young is a graduate of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and Pepperdine University School of Law.

He is currently assigned to Courtroom 26, hearing criminal trials.

Presiding Judge Brian J. Back said, "Judge Young has served the Ventura County community in a number of different judicial assignments, notably in both

the criminal court and the family law court. Both assignments require attributes in a judicial officer that are possessed by Judge Young: the ability to be firm, even tough, but also compassionate; the need to weave structure with flexibility; and the appropriate use of history and data while not forgetting to at times pay attention to the gut.

Judge Young doesn't just listen to the litigants, he hears and understands. He doesn't make rulings in the abstract; he makes clear the basis for the rulings. In the family law context he brings certainty and resolution to traumatic situations which in turn brings calm to litigants who might otherwise do real harm to each other, their children, or the public. In the criminal law context, he focuses on protection of the public and accountability for criminal acts, while carefully addressing the hope of rehabilitation of those who come before him.

The Ventura County Superior Court is proud of Bruce A. Young as a recipient of the Knights of Columbus Public Safety Award."

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