



Superior Court of California

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SUPERIOR COURT TO HOLD JUDICIAL PORTRAIT UNVEILING CEREMONY

As part of a Legacy/History Portrait Program, the Ventura County Superior Court will hold a Portrait Unveiling Ceremony on Friday, February 26, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in Courtroom 22 of the Hall of Justice in Ventura. The ceremony will honor the legacy and service of three (3) retired judges all of whom were, at one time, Presiding Judges of the Superior Court.

The event is open to the public, elected officials, local bar, and representatives of court-related county departments. The press is invited to attend and to take any desired photographs during these special ceremonial proceedings.

The Judges being recognized and honored are:

Judge Robert C. Bradley was appointed to the Municipal Court bench by Governor Jerry Brown in 1982 and elevated to the Superior Court in 1984 by Governor George Deukmejian. He retired in 1998 after 16 years on the bench, and passed away on May 16, 2005.

Judge Bradley was elected by the judges of the Superior Court to serve as Assistant Presiding Judge in 1994 and 1995, and Presiding Judge in 1996 and 1997.

Under his leadership as Presiding Judge, the court implemented the Pro Per Clinic, forerunner of the current Family Law Self-Help Center; the *Taking the*

Courthouse to the Schoolroom program: the QuickCourt Kiosk for aiding court users in completing family law and small claims forms; and the *Take Home Traffic School* program, which received a Ralph N. Kleps Award for innovation from the California Judicial Council.

Judge Bradley was a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and the University of California's Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco, where he graduated near the top of his class.

After graduating from law school, Judge Bradley served two years as an officer in the United States Army. He was assigned to the Pentagon for one year and served one year as a Captain with the Corps of Engineers in Vietnam.

Following his military service, Judge Bradley was hired by the Ventura County District Attorney's Office, where he worked as a Deputy District Attorney from 1969-1972, followed by four years in private practice. He returned to the District Attorney's office in 1976, serving as Chief Deputy from 1978 until his appointment to the Municipal Court in 1982.

Judge Charles W. Campbell retired on March 2, 2008, after 20 years on the bench. He was appointed to the Municipal Court by Governor George Deukmejian in 1988 and elevated to the Superior Court by Governor Pete Wilson in 1992. He served as Superior Court Presiding Judge in 1998, 1999 and 2000.

During his tenure as Presiding Judge, he was instrumental in establishing a number of innovative and award-winning programs for the Ventura Superior Court. Among these were the Self-Help Legal Access Centers, Mobile Self-Help Center, and Homeless Court program, all of which won Ralph N. Kleps Awards for court innovation.

In 1990, Judge Campbell was named Municipal Court Judge of the Year by the Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association.

In 2000, he was awarded the Benjamin J. Aranda III Access to Justice Award. This prestigious and highly coveted award recognizes trial judges or appellate justices who have demonstrated a long-term commitment to improving access to the courts for low and moderate income Californians.

In 2008, he was presented with the Ventura County Mexican American Bar Association's 2008 Access to Justice Award, recognizing his work in expanding court services for self-represented litigants, including those in the Spanish-speaking community.

A graduate of Dartmouth College and the Glendale College of Law, Judge Campbell worked briefly for a small civil law firm before accepting a position with the Ventura County District Attorney's Office in 1979.

Judge Campbell continues to serve the court when needed as an assigned judge.

Judge Bruce A. Clark retired on January 5, 2009, after 30 years on the bench. He is the longest serving judge in the history of Ventura County.

Judge Clark was elected to the Municipal Court in 1978, and served as its Presiding Judge in 1984, 1992 and 1993. He became a Superior Court Judge on June 10, 1998, upon unification of the Superior and Municipal Courts.

Judge Clark was elected by the Superior Court judges to serve as Assistant Presiding Judge from 1998 through 2000, and Presiding Judge from 2001 through 2004.

As Superior Court Presiding Judge, he led the court through a state fiscal crisis resulting from the 2001 dot-com collapse, negotiations with the county to build the Juvenile Courthouse, and the court becoming its own employer.

Judge Clark is a graduate of the University of Redlands and the University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law. He was named Judge of the Year by the Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association in 1996.

Prior to his election to the Municipal Court bench in 1978, Judge Clark was a Deputy District Attorney with the Ventura County District Attorney's Office from 1969 to 1976, and Chief Trial Deputy District Attorney from 1976 to 1978.

There are currently 44 portraits of past judicial officers on display in Courtroom 22, several of which date back to the late 1800s.

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