



Superior Court of California

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SUPERIOR COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER MICHAEL PLANET TO RETIRE

Ventura Superior Court Executive Officer Michael D. Planet will retire on May 31, 2021, after serving 20 years as the court's head administrator. Prior to his appointment in 2001, he served as the Court Administrator of the King County Superior Court in Seattle, Washington, and as Deputy Court Administrator for the Maricopa County Superior Court in Phoenix, Arizona.

The court executive officer acts under the direction of the presiding judge and is responsible for overseeing the management and administration of the nonjudicial operations of the court. This includes budget, contracts, human resources, jury management, technology, records management, facilities, and liaison with other government agencies.

Mr. Planet is a past recipient of the California Judicial Council's *William C. Vickrey Leadership in Administration* Award. The award, which is one of the council's highest honors, recognizes individuals who demonstrate extraordinary leadership and make significant contributions to the administration of justice in California. The Judicial Council is the policy making body for the California Judicial Branch of government.

Presiding Judge Bruce Young also extends his best wishes and thanks to Mike Planet for his many years of dedicated service to the Court bench officers, the management staff, Court employees and the thousands of people the Ventura County Superior Court has served for the past two decades under Mike's leadership.

Mr. Planet served as an advisory member to the California Judicial Council from 2007 to 2010. He is a former vice-chair of the council's Advisory Committee on Financial Accountability and Efficiency for the Judicial Branch, former chair of the Court Executives' Advisory Committee, and past appointee to the Judicial Council's Commission on the Future of California's Court System, the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee, the Workload Assessment Advisory Committee, and the Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness.

Mr. Planet holds a master's degree in the Administration of Justice from the American University, and a bachelor's degree in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland.

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