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Judges Elect Hon. Charles Margines as Presiding Judge and Hon. Douglas J. Hatchimonji as Assistant Presiding Judge

Santa Ana – The judges of the Orange County Superior Court elected Hon. Charles Margines as Presiding Judge, and Hon. Douglas J. Hatchimonji as Assistant Presiding Judge, announced the Court's current Presiding Judge, Hon. Glenda Sanders. Presiding Judge-Elect Margines and Assistant Presiding Judge-Elect Hatchimonji will begin their two-year terms on January 1, 2016.

Judge Margines has served as Assistant Presiding Judge since January 2014. He previously served as Supervising Judge of the Civil Panel from August 2012 through 2013, and had been on the Civil Panel since 2003. He was a member of the Felony Trial Panel from 2000 to 2003. Judge Margines was appointed by Governor Pete Wilson as a judge of the Orange County Municipal Court in May 1993, and upon unification of the Municipal and Superior Courts effective August 10, 1998, was elevated to judge of the Orange County Superior Court.

Judge Margines graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Law School in 1974 and from UCLA with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English in 1970. He was a Deputy Public Defender in Orange County from 1975 to 1981, and then went into private practice concentrating on criminal defense and some personal injury cases from 1981 to 1993. In 1992, he was named a Certified Specialist in Criminal Law, by the Board of Legal Specialization, State Bar of California.

Judge Hatchimonji has served as Supervising Judge of the Harbor Justice Center in Newport Beach from January 2014 to the present. He also served as Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court from 2011 to 2014, and was on the Juvenile Court Panel from 2009 through 2010. He was Supervising Judge of the North Justice Center in Fullerton from 2006 through 2008, and on the Criminal Panel at the North Justice Center from 2003 to 2006. Judge Hatchimonji was appointed by Governor Gray Davis as a judge of the Orange County Superior Court in October 2003.

Judge Hatchimonji graduated from Southwestern University School of Law in 1981, and from University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) with his undergraduate degree in 1977. As an attorney, he was a partner with Rose, Klein & Marias LLP from 1986 to 2003 with a personal injury practice.

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