



Superior Court of California
County of Orange

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**Hon. Kim G. Dunning Elected Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California
County of Orange**

Santa Ana – Judges of the Superior Court of Orange County unanimously elected Hon. Kim G. Dunning as Presiding Judge and Hon. Thomas J. Borris as the Assistant Presiding Judge at an election held Friday, June 13, announced Presiding Judge Nancy Wieben Stock. Both will begin their two year term in January 2009, when the terms of the current Presiding Judge and Assistant Presiding Judge expire.

“It is a privilege to serve Orange County as a Superior Court judge, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve our judicial officers and court staff as well in this new role,” said Judge Dunning

Judge Dunning has been the Assistant Presiding Judge since January 2006 and has been actively involved in efforts to build a new courthouse in Laguna Niguel, which, when completed, will better serve the growing South Orange County population. She also serves on the Judicial Council’s Court Technology Advisory Committee and has promoted the use of technology to improve access to the courts and to serve the public. Her judicial assignments have included complex civil cases, juvenile dependency and delinquency, felony preliminary hearings, misdemeanors and family law.

Judge Dunning was appointed to the Superior Court in 1997 by Governor Pete Wilson. Before becoming a judge, she was an attorney in private practice, a senior research attorney for Associate Justice Thomas F. Crosby, Court of Appeal, 4th Appellate District, Division 3 and a Deputy City Attorney for the City of Santa Ana.

Judge Dunning received her B.A. in Economics from Stanford University in 1972. She received her J.D. from Southern Methodist University School of Law, Dallas Texas in 1977.

Judge Borris was appointed to the Municipal Court in 1993 by Governor Pete Wilson and was elevated to the Superior Court upon court unification in August 1998. Judge

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Borris served for many years as the Presiding Judge of the former Municipal Court, County of Orange, West Judicial District. He is currently Supervising Judge of the Felony Panel. Before becoming a judge, he was an attorney in private practice, a prosecutor with Orange County District Attorney's Office, and an instructor at Loyola Law School.

Judge Borris received his B.A. in Political Science from Claremont Men's College (now Claremont-McKenna College) in 1976. He received his J.D. from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles in 1979.

In addition to the election for presiding judge and assistant presiding judge, the judges and commissioners of the Superior Court elected members and alternate members to the Court's Executive Committee for the term July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010. The Executive Committee which is chaired by the presiding judge is the principal policy-making body of the court. The assistant presiding judge also serves as a member of the Executive Committee.

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Group 2:	Hon. W. Michael Hayes	Hon. Steven L. Perk
Group 3	Hon. James J. Di Cesare	Hon. Jamoa A. Moberly
Group 4:	Hon. Linda S. Marks	Hon. James L. Waltz

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