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COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE RIVERSIDE SUPERIOR COURT, SAM HAMRICK, ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

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Mr. Sam Hamrick will be retiring as Court Executive Officer (CEO) of the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside on December 30, 2022 after serving as their top administrative official for the past nine years. In this position, Mr. Hamrick led a staff of over 1,200, served 75 judges, and oversaw all general jurisdiction case types in 15 different court locations over a county of 2.4 million residents spanning 7,300 square miles.

Mr. Hamrick began his career in the judicial system in 1988 serving as a judge's law clerk in the Western District of North Carolina, and later serving as Deputy Clerk of Court in that same district. He went on to serve as the Chief Deputy Clerk in the Northern District of West Virginia, the Chief Deputy Clerk in the Northern District of Georgia, and prior to coming to Riverside, as the Clerk of Court for the Southern District of California in San Diego.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Hamrick has achievements ranging from implementation of new case management systems, management of multiple court construction projects, administration of operating budgets over \$200 million, coordination of effort to obtain more judgeships, and maintenance of continuity plans during wildfires, earthquakes, and most recently, the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Hamrick has also served on various statewide committees and advisory groups on the topic of court facilities and statewide rules. He has also received awards for outstanding leadership and improving the administration of justice.

"Mr. Hamrick has led our court through historic and difficult times, including severe state budget cuts and the COVID-19 crisis. He has been instrumental in seeking, planning, and building 4 new court facilities for the People of Riverside County, and has taken our court into the 21st century with technological innovations that are a model for other courts," said Presiding Judge John M. Monterosso. "Most importantly, he has led with grace and class, and assembled one of the most exceptional teams of executives, managers, and front-line personnel in California. The judges of the Riverside Superior Court are grateful for all of his accomplishments during his nine years of service."

The Court is in the process of recruiting for the vacancy created with the departure of Mr. Hamrick.

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