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JUDGE MARGARET HENRY AWARDED 2017 WILMONT SWEENEY JUVENILE COURT JUDGE OF THE YEAR

San Diego, CA - Judge Margaret Henry is the Wilmont Sweeney Juvenile Court Judge of the Year for 2017. She was awarded the honor December 20, 2017 by the Juvenile Court Judges of California, a section of the California Judges Association, during the *Beyond the Bench* program in San Diego, California.

Judge Margaret Henry has had a long and distinguished career in the Los Angeles County juvenile court. Appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court in April, 2001, Judge Henry has served in the juvenile court since October, 2001 and was Supervising Judge of the Dependency Division of that Court from 2005 to 2012. As Supervising Judge she led a number of initiatives including those related to dental health, civil court access for injured youth in foster care, and access to government benefits. Judge Henry also arranged monthly training for judicial officers in juvenile dependency court relating to law and to legal procedures as well as for services available to children and families.

Statewide, Judge Henry served as Vice Chair and Chair of the Juvenile Court Judges of California, a section of the California Judges Association, for over three years. She has been active in the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges where she served as chair for collaborative committees focusing on the well-being of dependent children and Lead Judge for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Model Courts initiative. She currently handles a court devoted exclusively to serving AB 12 youth.

The Wilmont Sweeney Juvenile Court Judge of the Year Award is presented annually to a California Juvenile Court Judge who exemplifies innovative dedication to California's youth. Judge Wilmont Sweeney was a longtime advocate of finding alternatives to detention centers for

juveniles, such as rehabilitation and counseling, thus the award is presented to a judge who exhibits the same dedication as Judge Sweeney.

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