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**Judge Stuart Rice Elected 2017/2018
President of the California Judges Association**

(May 23, 2017 - SACRAMENTO, CA) Judge Stuart M. Rice of the Los Angeles Superior Court was elected 86th President of the California Judges Association (CJA) by the group's Executive Board at its meeting held today in Sacramento. He will serve a one-year term beginning October 8, 2017, succeeding Judge Todd Bottke of the Tehama Superior Court.

Judge Stuart M. Rice was appointed a judge of the superior court for Los Angeles County on July 27, 2005. He was elected as a court commissioner on March 1, 2003 and previously served the court as an as-needed referee commencing January 1, 2000. He was president of the California Court Commissioners Association prior to his appointment in 2005.

Judge Rice graduated Magna Cum Laude from Tufts University and earned a J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law. Prior to becoming a judicial officer, Judge Rice

was an associate at Gottlieb, Gottlieb and Stein from 1978-1983 and then a senior partner at Rice and Rothenberg. Judge Rice focused his practice on civil, tort, and probate litigation as well as juvenile defense. While in practice, he served as a member of the State Bar Board of Governors, the Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission, the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission and as president of the California Young lawyers Association in 1987. He was President of the Long Beach Barristers in 1983 and the president of the Long Beach Bar Association in 2000.

Judge Rice has been the chair of the Los Angeles County Superior Court Temporary Judge Committee since 2007 and a three time member of the court's Executive Committee. Judge Rice was presented with the *MacFaden Judge of the Year Award* by the South Bay Bar Association in 2012 and served as president of the Benjamin Aranda III chapter of the American Inns of Court from 2013-2014. A former assistant supervising judge of the criminal division, he now sits in an independent calendar, general jurisdiction civil court.

Judge Rice is currently a vice-president of the California Judges Association Executive Board. He previously served as Chair of the Compensation and Benefits Committee from 2009- 2010 and has been a member of the CJA Civil Law Committee from 2011-2016. Judge Rice is a member of the Executive Committees for both the Los Angeles County Bar Association and State Bar Litigation Sections. He is a frequent faculty member for the LASC, CJA and the Witkin Judicial College.

Other CJA officers elected for the 2017/2018 term are Vice Presidents **Judge Kimberly Gaab** of Fresno Superior Court and **Judge Maureen Hallahan** of San Diego Superior Court. Elected as Secretary/Treasurer is **Commissioner Matthew St. George** of the Los Angeles Superior Court.