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SAN FRANCISCO SUPERIOR COURT BENCH ELECTS ANNE-CHRISTINE MASSULLO AS ASSISTANT PRESIDING JUDGE

SAN FRANCISCO – Judge Anne-Christine Massullo has been elected by the San Francisco Superior Court bench as its new Assistant Presiding Judge. She will begin her new leadership position on January 1, 2021.

Judge Massullo, a longtime former federal prosecutor, was appointed to the bench in 2006 by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. She began her current assignment in the Complex Litigation department in January 2019. Prior to that she handled both civil and criminal cases. Her term coincides with that of newly elected Presiding Judge Samuel K. Feng – each will serve for two years.

“I am especially honored to be elected to this position by my peers and proud to be a member of a court family that is dedicated to serving the public during this pandemic,” Judge Massullo said. “The judges and staff that make up our court community have really carried us during this challenging time.”

“My role will be to assist the Presiding Judge in our shared vision for efficient and effective court operations. As the third branch of government, courts are responsible to provide meaningful services for the timely resolution of all the issues brought before us. Our court is constantly looking at ways to improve what we do.”

Judge Massullo has held number judicial leadership roles since joining the court. She spent three years as the Supervising Judge of the Unified Family Court in San Francisco. In that role she was responsible for managing three divisions of the court: family law proceedings, the dependency court and the Juvenile Justice Center which handles delinquency proceedings.

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Judge Massullo started the tentative ruling program for the family law courts and required mandatory judicial settlement conferences for all long cause family law matters. She has held the positions of Chair of the Adult Probation Oversight Committee and Presiding Judge of the Appellate Division of the San Francisco Superior Court.

Judge Massullo spent four years as a felony trial judge prior to her civil assignments.

Prior to being appointed to the bench, Judge Massullo served as an Assistant United States Attorney for 17 years, handling both civil matters and criminal prosecutions. She was the Deputy Chief of the Securities Fraud Unit from 2004-2005.

Judge Massullo is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame where she received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. She received her law degree at the University of Michigan School of Law in 1983.

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