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**DA'S OFFICE CONGRATULATES JUDGE RICHARD T. FIELDS
ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE FOURTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL**

RIVERSIDE – Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin and the DA's Office congratulate Superior Court Judge Richard T. Fields on his appointment today, Dec. 23, 2016, by Gov. Brown as a justice in the Fourth District Court of Appeal.

"We have always known Judge Fields as a man of high integrity and of high intellect and we congratulate him and couldn't be more pleased for him," District Attorney Hestrin said.

"He has always been a fair-minded jurist who always tried to and succeeded in doing the right thing," Hestrin added. "We wish him all the best in this new chapter in his life."

According to a news release issued by Gov. Brown's office regarding the appointment, Fields is being appointed to Division Two of the Fourth District Court of Appeal and will fill a vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Jeffrey King.

Fields, 57, of Corona, has been a Superior Court judge in Riverside County since 2000. He served as presiding judge of the court in 2007 and 2008 and was a commissioner from 1991 to 2000. Prior to coming to the bench, Fields was a deputy public defender at the Riverside County Public Defender's Office from 1985 to 1988 and also in 1990 and 1991. During his time away from the Public Defender's Office, he was an attorney at the Law Offices of Reynolds, Bawden and Lawson from 1988 to 1990.

He earned a Master of Laws degree from the University of San Diego School of Law, his Juris Doctor degree from the Western State University College of Law, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University, Fullerton.

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