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**MENDOCINO SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE DAVID RIEMENSCHNEIDER TO
RETIRE IN MARCH**

Mendocino County Superior Court Judge David Riemenschneider is retiring as of March 31, 2019. Appointed by Governor Jerry Brown in May 2012, Judge Riemenschneider began his judicial career presiding in Family Court and then became the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court in 2016 where he will continue to serve until his retirement date. Judge Riemenschneider is also a member of the Court's Judicial Executive Committee and will continue to serve in that capacity until he officially retires.

Judge Riemenschneider joined the bench in 2012, filling the vacancy that occurred when Judge Jonathan Lehan retired. Judge Riemenschneider earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Stanford University and his Juris Doctorate from Northeastern University School of Law. His first job out of law school, from 1978 to 1984, was as staff attorney for the Georgia Legal Services Program. In 1984, Judge Riemenschneider relocated to Mendocino County and began a civil practice, focusing primarily on family law. Originally he partnered with David Nelson, prior to Nelson's appointment to the bench in 2003. Judge Riemenschneider continued to serve clients as a solo practitioner until his appointment to the bench.

When asked about his judicial career and impending retirement, Judge Riemenschneider said, "I am extremely fortunate to have served as a judge in the Mendocino County Superior Court for the past 6 ½ years. For me, this position has been rewarding, challenging, and satisfying. I hope that I have accomplished my primary goal of treating the parties who have come before me fairly, reasonably, and intelligently. Although a part of me is sorry to now be retiring, I am looking forward to being able to do all those things that we have all dreamt of doing during our many decades of working. Having recently turned 70, I'm now ready for retirement."

Presiding Judge Ann Moorman reflected on Judge Riemenschneider's career on the bench, particularly his time in his current assignment, presiding over a case-load focused on Mendocino County's most vulnerable children and youth: "He handles some of the most challenging cases we see in the court, working with families struggling to provide safe and healthy environments for their children and with at-risk youth. He cares about every participant and works hard to achieve positive outcomes. He is a great colleague and a tremendous asset to our bench. We will miss the depth of his knowledge, his wit, and his dedication to the job. Our small bench requires a high degree of teamwork and collaboration. I have always been able to count on Judge Riemenschneider to pick up a laboring oar when we have been shorthanded or when caseloads have spiked. On behalf of all the judges, we wish him the very best as he begins this next chapter."

Judge Riemenschneider and his wife, retired attorney Sandra Applegate, plan to travel and enjoy their three children and five grandchildren. They plan to remain in the Ukiah area.

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