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Three Sacramento Superior Court Judges Retire from the Bench

Sacramento, CA – Three Sacramento Superior Court judges recently celebrated their retirement from the bench.

“It’s been an honor to work alongside Judge De Alba, Judge Goodman and Judge Hom,” Presiding Court Judge Michael G. Bowman said. “Their contributions to the bench are unmeasurable and they will be truly missed.”

Judge David De Alba was appointed to the Sacramento Superior Court bench in 2001 by former governor Gray Davis.

Judge Alba received his bachelor’s degree from University of California, Berkeley and his Juris Doctor from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law. He clerked for the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District in Sacramento before beginning his legal career at the California Department of Justice’s Office of the Attorney General where he specialized in criminal appeals, complex tort litigation and law enforcement police.

While on the Sacramento County Superior Court bench, Judge Alba served as the assistant presiding judge and as presiding judge. He also served as the supervising judge of the Felony Home Courts and Probate Division. Some of his assignments included presiding over the Civil Division and the Juvenile Court. He was named Judge of the Year in 2011 by the Sacramento Bar Association.

Judge Geoffrey A. Goodman was appointed to the bench in 2009 by former governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Judge Goodman received his bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California and his Juris Doctor from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law.

Goodman began his legal career in the public sector joining the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office where he helped establish the Hardcore Gang Unit. He became staff counsel at the Committee on Criminal Justice for the California State Assembly and went on to become a federal prosecutor for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California. He worked in private practice before joining the Sacramento Superior Court.

While on the bench Judge Goodman served as presiding judge of the appellate division, he ran the criminal master calendar assigning all criminal trials and hearings and served in the felony "home" court, supervising all pre-trial aspects of felony matters.

Judge Russell L. Hom was appointed to the bench in 2002 by former governor Gray Davis.

Judge Hom received his bachelor's degree from the University of California, Berkeley and earned his Juris Doctor from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. After law school, he worked at the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office as a deputy district attorney before entering private practice during which time he worked on criminal defense and representing litigants in personal injury cases.

During his time on the bench, Judge Hom's judicial assignments have included trials, minor's compromise, wiretap warrants and grand jury advisor. He also served as presiding judge in 2020-21 during the height of the pandemic. He was named Judge of the Year in 2021 by the Sacramento Bar Association.

A small ceremony was held at the Gordon D. Schaber County Courthouse on Nov. 10 honoring the retiring judges.