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Judge Mark Boessenecker to Retire After Forty Years of Public Service

NAPA, CA – The Napa County Superior Court announces, with pride and admiration, that the Honorable Mark Boessenecker will serve his last day of active service as a judge at the Napa County Superior Court, capping four decades of public service as both a prosecutor and judicial officer.

Background

Judge Boessenecker grew up in Mill Valley, California, graduating from Marin Catholic High School in 1977. He went on to attend the University of California at Santa Barbara and the Hasting College School of Law. While attending UCSB, he taught at a group home for emotionally disturbed youth. Later he joined the San Mateo District Attorney's Office as a deputy district attorney, where he served from 1986 to 2004. He and his family moved to Napa in 2004 after taking the role of chief deputy district attorney, a position he held until 2007. In the fall of 2007, he was appointed to the bench by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Professional Accomplishments

Judge Boessenecker successfully prosecuted dozens of homicide cases during his tenure as a Deputy District Attorney. In 2007, he was recognized as the Outstanding Prosecutor of the Year by the California District Attorneys Association. At the Napa County Superior Court, he served multiple terms as the Criminal Supervising Judge, Assistant Presiding Judge, and Presiding Judge. Among his colleagues, he's known for his calm, steady approach to complex organizational issues and times of crisis. During his eight years in key leadership roles, Judge Boessenecker helped guide the court through earthquakes, wildfires, and a global pandemic.

As a subject matter expert and judicial educator, Judge Boessenecker has served on the Chief Justice's Pretrial Reform Workgroup, on a state-level criminal law curriculum committee, and volunteered as faculty for numerous criminal law education opportunities for other judges.

Judge Boessenecker's last day of active service on the Napa County Superior Court's bench will be Thursday, February 26, 2026.

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