



**Superior Court of California, County of Alameda
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Press Release

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**PAT S. SWEETEN SELECTED AS COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

Oakland, California: The Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, announces the retirement of Arthur A. Sims, Executive Officer and is pleased to announce that Ms. Pat S. Sweeten, Director of Executive Office Programs, Administrative Office of the Courts has been selected to succeed Mr. Sims as the Executive Officer, Jury Commissioner and Clerk of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. Ms. Sweeten will assume her new duties on December 5, 2005.

Ms. Sweeten succeeds Mr. Arthur A. Sims, who is retiring after a distinguished career as the Court Executive Officer in Alameda County and prior to that as the Court Executive Officer in Riverside County.

In referring to her new assignment, Ms. Sweeten stated, "I am thrilled and excited about this opportunity and look forward to returning to the Superior Court in Alameda County."

Ms. Sweeten will be responsible for the non-judicial services and staff functions of a court organization consisting of 85 judges and commissioners and over 800 employees, who provide court services in sixteen locations in Alameda County.

Ms. Sweeten is an extremely well-qualified, highly respected and experienced leader in the judicial branch. She has served as the Director of Executive Office Programs at the Administrative Office of the Courts from April 2001 to the present, and prior to that, as the Assistant Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer for the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda from April 1998 to April 2001. She also served as the Assistant Executive Officer for the Superior Court in San Diego County from 1989 to 1998.

Barbara J. Miller, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Alameda stated, "Although we regret the departure of Mr. Sims, we are confident that Ms. Sweeten's background and experience make her the most well-qualified candidate for this vitally important role in our Court and we are delighted she has agreed to join us."

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