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***Judge Richard B. Iglehart
(August 20, 1942 – July 1, 2003)***

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Oakland—It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of Judge Richard B. Iglehart, a judge of the Superior Court in Alameda County. Judge Iglehart died unexpectedly on July 1 of an apparent heart attack in Istanbul, Turkey. Judge Iglehart was in Istanbul as a participant in the Institute for the Study and Development of Legal Systems, a non profit corporation, in connection with their middle eastern rule of law initiative. The Institute specializes in the reform and modernization of legal systems and dispute resolution processes. Its efforts promote effective justice and reduce problems associated with the management of legal systems and the traditional resolution of cases. Judge Iglehart, an expert on criminal law and procedure, was scheduled to present the topic, "California Guilty Pleas and Diversion Procedures," on behalf of the Institute's initiative in Turkey.

Today, Judge Harry Sheppard, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, noted, "Dick was a marvelous judge, mentor and advisor and will be sorely missed by all." And, Thomas Orloff, the District Attorney of Alameda County, stated, "Judge Iglehart was a wonderful human being and one of the greatest contributors to our legal system over the past three decades."

Judge Iglehart joined the Superior Court of California on January 14, 2000, culminating an illustrious legal career spanning three decades of public service. Judge Iglehart, a graduate of Santa Clara University Law School, was admitted to the California Bar on June 1, 1970.

During his extensive career, Judge Iglehart served as deputy district attorney, assistant district attorney, and chief assistant district attorney for Alameda County; chief assistant attorney general of California under Attorney General John K. Van de Kamp; chief counsel to the state legislature's public safety committee; and chief assistant district attorney of San Francisco under District Attorney Terrence Hallinan.

Since joining the bench, Judge Iglehart served at the Wiley W. Manuel Courthouse presiding over criminal cases and serving on court-wide committees, including the probation committee, of which he was chair, and the drug court committee. Outside of court, Judge Iglehart served on the Judicial Council Criminal Law Advisory Committee, and the Judicial Council Proposition 36 Implementation Workgroup, in addition to his participation in the Institute for the Study and Development of Legal Systems rule of law initiative.

Funeral arrangements are undetermined at this time.