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PRESS RELEASE

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**PAUL D. SEEMAN SELECTED AS COURT COMMISSIONER FOR THE
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
ASSUMES OFFICE ON AUGUST 2, 2004**

Barbara J. Miller, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, is pleased to announce that Paul D. Seeman, Referee Pro Tem for the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda's Juvenile Court, has been selected for the position of Court Commissioner. Mr. Seeman will take the oath for the office of Court Commissioner on Monday, August 2, 2004, and assumes his judicial officer duties immediately thereafter. The Presiding Judge will assign Mr. Seeman to Department 603 at the Fremont Hall of Justice for the 2004 calendar year. Mr. Seeman will be replacing Commissioner Stephen Foland.

"I am delighted at the opportunity that this appointment represents, not only for myself but also for the value of juvenile court practice in the legal system and in the community," said Mr. Seeman.

Mr. Seeman has twelve years of experience as a judicial officer pro tem in the Alameda County Juvenile Court. For twenty-five years he served as counsel in the juvenile justice system for children, parents, and the Social Services Agency. In that time, he has obtained exceptional respect and acceptance by the Juvenile Court community as a bench officer and litigator. Most notable is his work as a founding member of the Court Appointed Special Advocates Program, the Donald P. McCullum Youth Court, and the Juvenile Counsel Advocacy Project. Mr. Seeman also has broad experience in other areas of the law as a solo practitioner, including criminal law, environmental law, personal injury law, and business law, and has served as a Judge Pro Tem for the Small Claims Appeals and Civil Settlement Calendars at the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco.

Mr. Seeman graduated from the University of California at Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law and received his Juris Doctor in May of 1979. He previously attended the University of California at Santa Cruz where he graduated magna cum laude and obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology in June of 1976. In addition to his practice in criminal and juvenile law, Mr. Seeman has also lectured in Criminology and the Sociology of Law at the University of California at Santa Cruz. He served as Deputy County Counsel for Alameda County for a year, representing the Social Services Agency in Juvenile Court dependency matters, before being appointed as a Referee Pro Tem by the late Judge Wilmont Sweeney in 1992.

Mr. Seeman has served on the Board of Directors and is a founding member of both the Alameda County Court Appointed Special Advocates Program and the Donald P. McCullum Youth Court. His memberships include the United States Supreme Court Bar, the State Bar of California, the Alameda County Bar Association, the Bar Association of San Francisco Juvenile Law Panel, the California Public Defender's Association, the National Council of Juvenile Court Judges, the National Association of Counsel for Children, the Pacific Juvenile Defenders, the Page Smith Scholastic Society, and Environmental Entrepreneurs.

"The Court is very fortunate to have an individual with such a solid academic and professional background join the California judicial branch. His immeasurable experience as a litigator and as a judicial officer pro tem will be a great addition to the Alameda County Superior Court bench," stated Presiding Judge Barbara Miller.

Court Commissioners may be assigned to any court location and to any area including but not limited to Civil, Small Claims, Traffic, Criminal, Probate, Family Law, Child Support, Juvenile or Mental Health and are required to be available twenty four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week on a rotating basis, to serve as the Duty Officer for Countywide Emergency Protective Orders.

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