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## *Fresno Superior Court Dedicates Conference Room to Attorney Judith Soley*

When: 4 p.m., Thursday, July 14, 2011

Where: Self-Help Center in the B.F. Sisk Courthouse, 1130 O Street, Fresno

The Fresno Superior Court will name a conference room in honor of the late Judith Leslie Soley. Ms. Soley was a beloved and respected family law attorney in Central California whose life was tragically cut short in February. Her family, friends, and legal colleagues will gather for a brief dedication on what would have been her birthday.

Ms. Soley was passionate about the legal profession. In 1986, she became the first female president of the Fresno County Bar Association and was also an active member of the State Bar Association, California Trial Lawyer's Association, Fresno County Barristers, California Women Lawyers, and Fresno County Women Lawyers. In addition to periodically serving as a Judge Pro Tempore for the Fresno Superior Court, Ms. Soley found time to be a mentor and advocate for female attorneys. Among them was the Honorable Kimberly-Nystrom Geist, Family Law Presiding Judge of the Fresno Superior Court, who will share her memories of Ms. Soley at the dedication.

The Judith Leslie Soley Conference Room will be located in the Self-Help Center where as many as 75 persons receive free assistance each day, mostly in family law matters. To honor Ms. Soley's legacy of service, the room will have a variety of purposes that help court users and the community. These include mediation, free workshops, community meetings, trainings, and legal assistance in family law and probate matters.

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