



Superior Court of California County of Fresno



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The judges of the Superior Court of Fresno County unanimously elected the Hon. Gary D. Hoff as the next Presiding Judge. His two-year term will commence on January 1, 2011, when the two-year term of the current Presiding Judge, M. Bruce Smith, expires. The Presiding Judge, with the assistance of the Court Executive Officer, is responsible for leading the court, establishing policies, and allocating resources in a manner that promotes access to justice for all members of the public.

Judge Hoff has long been a respected leader on the Fresno Superior Court bench. He previously served as Presiding Judge from 2000 - 2002, and twice served as Assistant Presiding Judge, from 1998 - 1999 and 2009 - 2010. On a statewide level, Judge Hoff has been a member of the Trial Court Presiding Judges' Advisory Committee. He was also the Juvenile Court Presiding Judge from 1994 - 1997. Governor Pete Wilson appointed Judge Hoff to the Superior Court in 1994.

The Hon. Gary R. Orozco was chosen by Judge Hoff to serve as Assistant Presiding Judge for the 2011 - 2012 term. Judge Orozco has been a member of the Court's Executive Committee since 2005 and is currently the Criminal Supervising Judge. He is also the Chair of the Court's Technology Committee and serves on the Court Security Committee. Judge Orozco was appointed to the bench by Governor Gray Davis in 2001.

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