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SAN MATEO SUPERIOR COURT SELECTS NEW COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Judge Mark R. Forcum, chair of the Superior Court Executive Officer Search & Selection Committee, announced today that the court has hired John Fitton to serve as the Court's Chief Executive Officer. Fitton replaces longtime Court Executive Officer Peggy Thompson, who retired in March. Fitton was selected after a nationwide search to recruit the best possible candidate.

Judge Forcum said the Court was extremely pleased to recruit an individual like Mr. Fitton who has "the leadership skills and vision to insure the court continues to operate effectively to serve the citizens of San Mateo County." Fitton had previously served as one of Ms. Thompson's deputy court administrators in the municipal court and as a deputy court executive officer from 1991 to 1998 in the superior court. Most recently, Fitton has served as Associate Director/Assistant Professor of Student Support Services at Southern Oregon University.

Fitton, forty-nine, will commence his new job responsibilities in July.

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