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SAN BERNARDINO SUPERIOR COURT ANNOUNCES NEW COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)

The Superior Court of San Bernardino announces that Court Executive Officer, Stephen H. Nash, has accepted a position as the CEO for Contra Costa County Superior Court. The Judges have elected Ms. Christina M. Volkens as his replacement. The leadership transition will take effect the last day of November, 2013.

Mr. Nash came to the court in July of 2011 after having worked at the state level in both the executive and judicial branches.

Presiding Judge Marsha G. Slough commented, "Stephen came to the court at a time when we faced our most severe budget crisis in this Court's history. His professional background has been critical to our court's fiscal survival during these trying days. Simply put, I cannot imagine navigating through this time without him. His expertise in finance is matched by his sense of integrity and professionalism. He fought diligently and successfully at the state level to bring about a fairer model of allocating money to the county courts. That accomplishment will serve San Bernardino County Courts and County citizens for years to come. I can say with certainty that he gave his all and he cares about this court, court family and our county community. He will be missed."

"We are very fortunate to have Ms. Volkens return to this county to pick up where Stephen leaves off, without missing a step. Chris worked for this court from 2009-2012 and has remained intimately interested and invested in the business of this court while she has served as the CEO for Sacramento County. She sits on several key statewide court committees that will allow for this court's voice to continue to be heard at the statewide level. I very much look forward to Chris coming back. Her background, knowledge and expertise will be critical in helping our court continue to recover from the past several years of painful budget cuts. She will be a tremendous asset for this Court and County."

Ms. Volkens received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration with a concentration in financial management from the University of Saint

Thomas in Saint Paul, Minnesota in 1987. She continued her education and in 1999, received her Fellowship from the National Center for State Courts, Institute for Court Management. In 1988, Ms. Volkers began her court career as an Accounting and Administration Manager of the Ramsey County, Second Judicial District Court in St. Paul MN. In 1996, Ms. Volkers became the Administrative Manager for the Hennepin County, Fourth Judicial District Court in Minneapolis MN, where she managed both court operations and finance. From 2000 to 2009, she was appointed the Court Administrator of the Washington County, Tenth Judicial District Court in Stillwater MN. In 2009, Ms. Volkers became the Assistant Court Executive Officer for the San Bernardino Superior Court. In late 2012, she became the Court Executive Officer of the Sacramento Superior Court.

When asked about her upcoming move back to San Bernardino, Ms. Volkers shared that she is honored to be returning “home” to her previous court as their new CEO, and thrilled to be returning to her home in Southern California.

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