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FORMAL INSTALLATION CEREMONY FOR
JUDGE MATTHEW P. GUASCO

The formal installation ceremony for Judge Matthew P. Guasco will take place on Friday, March 16, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. in Courtroom 22 of the Hall of Justice in Ventura. The oath of office will be administered by Judge Henry J. Walsh.

The ceremony will be open to the public, elected officials, local bar, and representatives of court-related county departments. The press is invited to attend and to take any desired photographs during these special ceremonial proceedings.

Judge Guasco was appointed to the bench by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., on December 27, 2011. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge David W. Long in May 2011.

Prior to his appointment, Judge Guasco had been a professional mediator and arbitrator since 1998. Most recently, he served as of counsel for Arnold Bleuel LaRochelle Mathews and Zirbel LLP from 2008 to 2010, and Norman Dowler LLP from 2001 to 2008. Before that, he was a sole practitioner for Innovative Mediation from 1998 to 2001, and an associate attorney for Engle Carobine Covner and Coats LLP from 1993 to 1998 and Lascher and Lascher from 1989 to 1993. He began his law career as a deputy public defender for the Marin County Public Defender's Office, serving from 1985 to 1989.

Judge Guasco is a past president of the Ventura County Bar Association. He has been an Adjunct Professor for Pepperdine University's Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution for many years.

Judge Guasco is a graduate of the University of California, Davis, and Golden Gate University School of Law.

He is currently assigned to Courtroom 10, hearing non-custody traffic matters, infractions and misdemeanors, civil assessment cases and traffic court trials.

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