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JUDGE BRUCE A. YOUNG NAMED JUDGE OF THE YEAR

Judge Bruce A. Young has been named Judge of the Year by the Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association. The honor was bestowed at the association's 37th annual Judges' Night dinner on March 24, 2015.

The award recognizes exceptional judicial performance balanced with courtesy and compassion toward litigants and attorneys. Honorees are selected by a committee comprised of a diverse group of trial lawyers from the civil and criminal arenas.

Judge Young was appointed to the Ventura Superior Court bench by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on August 20, 2007. He has been a judge for seven years. Prior to his appointment, he was a commissioner with the Ventura Superior Court for four years.

Judge Young is a former Supervising Judge of the Criminal Department, where he presided over the Criminal Master Trial Calendar in Courtroom 13 from April 2009 to February 2012.

He is a past recipient of the Oxnard Knights of Columbus Public Safety Award. The award recognizes local men and women in law enforcement, fire protection, the military, and the judiciary for their contributions to the community.

Prior to becoming a judicial officer, Judge Young was a deputy district attorney for the Ventura County District Attorney's Office from 1999 to 2003, where he was assigned to the Elder Abuse and Misdemeanor Units.

Judge Young began his legal career as an associate with Romney, Smith & Drescher in Santa Paula from 1978 to 1980. He was then an associate with the Law Offices of Philip C. Drescher from 1980 to 1983, and a partner with Drescher, McConica & Young from 1983 to 1986. He then went into private practice for three years before becoming a partner in Lagerlof, Senecal, Drescher & Swift. In 1993, he became a managing partner in Drescher, McConica, Onstot, Schuck & Young.

Judge Young earned his bachelor degree from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and law degree from Pepperdine University School of Law.

He is currently assigned to Courtroom J1 at the Juvenile and Probate Courthouse hearing juvenile dependency matters.

Also honored at the event was Justice Steven Z. Perren. A formal portrait was unveiled and presented to the court by the Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association. The association has selected one judge annually for the honor of a portrait since 1978.

Justice Perren was appointed as an Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, by Governor Gray Davis in 1999 after serving for 17 years as a Superior Court Judge for the County of Ventura. He was the Presiding Judge of the Ventura County Superior Court in 1992 and 1993, and Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court for five years. Ventura County's Juvenile Justice Center bears his name. In 1984 and again in 1998 he was recognized by The Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association as its Judge of the Year.

Justice Perren's portrait and those of previous honorees can be viewed in Courtroom 22 on the second floor of the Hall of Justice in Ventura.

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