



# News Release

## Superior Court of California County of San Francisco

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**Gordon Park-Li, Chief Executive Officer**

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### **CEO GORDON PARK-LI TO RETIRE AFTER NEARLY 38 YEARS WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO SUPERIOR COURT**

**SAN FRANCISCO** -- Chief Executive Officer Gordon Park-Li, a native of San Francisco who worked his way through the Municipal Court and eventually became the Chief Executive Officer of the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, will retire in 2010. His last day at the Court will be February 19, 2010, the Court announced today.

"This is a day I have both looked forward to and dreaded at the same time," Park-Li said. "I am proud of the accomplishments achieved during my career with the Court. I am fortunate to have worked with many talented judicial leaders and staff during these nearly four decades in the Municipal and Superior Courts in San Francisco. I will miss working with Judges, Commissioners and staff members who committed themselves to doing what is best for the Court and the people who seek justice in our courtrooms."

Presiding Judge James J. McBride said, "Gordon has devoted his time and efforts to this Court for nearly four decades. He began his Court career in the Municipal Court as an entry-level clerk, and worked his way to the top. He has guided the Court through some difficult times and led the Court to great successes. We will not see his like again."

Park-Li, 60, began his Court career as an entry-level deputy clerk in 1972. Over the nearly 38 years with the Court, he attained managerial, administrative and executive level positions with the San Francisco court system. From 1985 to 1989, Park-Li held the position of Chief Deputy in charge of overseeing the operations of the Court's Administrative,

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Civil/Small Claims, Criminal and Traffic Divisions. Upon unification of the San Francisco trial courts in December 1998, Park-Li was appointed to the position of Assistant Chief Executive Officer. In July 2000, he was appointed the Court's Chief Executive Officer. Since then, Park-Li has been responsible for all non-judicial functions of the San Francisco Superior Court. He oversees a staff of 600, operations of four court facilities and a \$100 million budget.

During his Court career, Park-Li's achievements included:

- Planning and implementation of several programs, which were developed in response to San Francisco's ongoing jail overcrowding problem. Among these programs was the establishment of San Francisco's first Bail Commissioner, a Supervised Pre-trial Release Program and San Francisco's drug court in May of 1995;
- Resuming Court services after the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake;
- Relocating from City Hall to a temporary Court facility on Folsom Street;
- Serving on the Court's Courthouse Construction Committee, which planned and oversaw the construction of San Francisco's first dedicated courthouse building – a seven-level, 233,000-square-foot facility with 38 courtrooms/hearing rooms;
- Developing SATS (the traffic computer system) and CMS (the criminal computer system);
- Developing and implementing a new Civil computer system known as IJS; and
- Working with judges and other staff members in 2006 to create a highly successful e-filing program for paper-intensive asbestos cases, which mandates e-filing and service of all subsequent filings after the initial complaint. To date, more than 4 million pages have been filed electronically in asbestos cases and more than \$13.3 million in statutory filing fees have been transferred electronically to the Court.

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Park-Li has served as President of the California Court Association (CCA). He is a founding member and past Treasurer of the California Association of Drug Court Professionals (CADCP) and a member of the National Association for Court Management (NACM).

He also served on the Judicial Council's Reporting of the Record Task Force (2002-2004), the Council's Court Facilities Transitional Task Force (2004-2007), and presently serves on the Judicial Council's Court Executives Advisory Committee.

In 2005, Park-Li was honored at the 10th Anniversary Celebration of San Francisco's Drug Court for his vision and efforts in the development and creation of the court.

The Presiding Judge has formed a committee to work on a CEO replacement.

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