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### **SAN FRANCISCO SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES UNANIMOUSLY APPOINT T. MICHAEL YUEN AS COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**SAN FRANCISCO** -- After a nationwide search, the Judges of the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, have selected T. Michael Yuen to serve as the Court Executive Officer (CEO), Presiding Judge James J. McBride announced today.

Yuen, the Court's Chief Financial Officer since June 2008, also has worked previously for the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and the San Francisco Mayor's Office of Public Policy and Finance. He replaces Claire A. Williams, who has served as interim CEO since March while the Court searched for a permanent replacement for former longtime CEO Gordon Park-Li. Yuen assumes his new position on September 3, 2010.

"I would like to thank the San Francisco Bench for embracing my vision for the Court during these challenging times," Yuen said. "I eagerly look forward to working with the Judges, Commissioners and staff to continue our efforts to distinguish the Court as an innovator and leader in the administration of justice in California. Serving the public with distinction in spite of budget cuts that have led to a nearly 15 percent staff vacancy rate will require flexibility and commitment from staff and Judicial Officers."

Judge McBride thanked Williams for her leadership during the transition period when a special committee he appointed conducted a nationwide search for the Court's next CEO.

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“The Court is grateful for Claire’s loyalty and leadership in the past five months,” Judge McBride said. “As we move forward, I am certain we have found the most qualified candidate to lead our Court in the difficult months and years ahead. Michael Yuen has been the architect of our budget strategies in the past few years. He is familiar with the challenges we face and is committed to working with the Bench and staff to seek efficiencies in court operations to assure that we make the best use of public resources to serve those who seek access to justice in San Francisco.”

Williams added, “I am grateful for the opportunity to assist our Court during a difficult time, however I look forward to returning to my prior position and assisting our new CEO in any way that I can.”

The CEO is the chief executive of the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, who is responsible for managing approximately 590 employees, overseeing a \$90 million budget and implementing Court policies and procedures. Yuen will earn \$178,420 a year.

The Court hired Yuen in June 2008 as its Chief Financial Officer. Before his tenure with the Court, Yuen worked as a senior fiscal and policy analyst with the Mayor’s Office of Public Policy and Finance in San Francisco, where he provided lead oversight for balancing the City’s \$1.1 billion discretionary General Fund budget and made policy and budgetary recommendations to the mayor in the areas of public safety and City and County personnel. He negotiated with City departments to achieve budgetary balancing solutions and also coordinated citywide staffing requirements and labor negotiations. Yuen began his career with the City in October 2006, where he first served as a fiscal and policy analyst.

Prior to his City service, Yuen worked since 2004 for the Judicial Council of California, AOC, as a senior budget analyst, budget analyst and staff analyst. In these roles, Yuen helped to manage the California Judicial Branch Facilities Program’s operating and capital outlay budgets. He also participated in making policy and administrative recommendations

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for the overall program, ranging from personnel staffing to feasibility of implementing major infrastructure projects, to the Judicial Council and its committees as well as gubernatorial and legislative staff.

While working at the United Way of the Bay Area between February 2002 and August 2004, Yuen earned his master's of Public Administration from San Francisco State University. He received his bachelor's degree in political science from Illinois State University.

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