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Services Planned for Justice Paul Boland, Distinguished LA Court of Appeal Justice

Los Angeles – Funeral services will be held Saturday, September 8, for Justice Paul Boland, a distinguished member of the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Eight, who died unexpectedly at an area hospital on Wednesday evening after a brief illness. He was 65 years of age.

The services will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Holy Family Church, 1501 Fremont Avenue, South Pasadena, California 91030. A reception will follow in the church.

“The passing of Justice Paul Boland is a tremendous loss to California's judiciary,” declared Chief Justice Ronald M. George. “My friendship with him dates back to the 1970's, before his initial appointment to the bench. He was a warm and insightful individual, possessing great legal and personal skills, and was an outstanding jurist and President of the California Judges Association.”

“The sudden passing of our friend and colleague Justice Paul Boland is a great blow to all of us in the Second Appellate District of the Court of Appeal,” said Administrative Presiding Justice Roger Boren of the Second Appellate District. “His death is not only a considerable professional loss to this court, but his departure from our lives will weigh heavily on all of us who knew him. He was a towering figure in the legal and judicial community of the State of California. More importantly those who have been fortunate to know Justice Boland for many years were keenly aware about his kind and considerate nature and how he always made every person with whom he was in contact feel important and needed.”

Presiding Justice Boren continued, “I first knew him when I was an older student at UCLA School of Law and Paul was a member of the law school faculty. Later we shared adjacent court rooms in the superior court and served together on the Judicial Council. His intelligent and helpful

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suggestions and advice were always given with humility and friendship. He was a unique and wonderful person.”

Presiding Justice Norman Epstein, of the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Four, noted, “Paul Boland was the nicest, most compassionate person I ever have known. He exuded those qualities, as well as so many others, to everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. For any who would seek to identify someone who personifies the accolade ‘*mensch*,’ look no further. He is the one.”

A California judge for 26 years, Justice Boland served on the Court of Appeal, Division Eight, since 2001. During his service as an appellate justice, he authored hundreds of opinions. He directed the court’s Judicial Externship Program, which just received one of 9 statewide awards for judicial innovation and excellence. The program will receive a Ralph N. Kleps Award for Improvement in the Administration of the Courts at a Judicial Council luncheon in Anaheim on September 27, 2007.

Before his appointment to the Court of Appeal, Justice Boland served for two decades on the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, where he handled civil, criminal, family, and juvenile assignments. He also was supervising judge of both the Child Dependency Court and the Eastlake Juvenile Delinquency Court, before becoming presiding judge of the 50 Los Angeles County Juvenile Courts.

As presiding judge, he supervised the design and construction of the Children’s Court, the nation’s first courthouse built to hear cases involving abused and neglected children. He also established drug treatment programs for parents, youth and children in juvenile proceedings, and a policy for independent representation of children in dependency cases.

While on the Superior Court, Justice Boland was president of the California Judges Association. For 5 years, he also served on the Judicial Council of California, the policy-making body for the California courts, chaired by Chief Justice Ronald M. George. In addition, he served for 15 months as an assigned justice of the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District.

Before his judicial career, Justice Boland served as a law clerk on the U.S. District Court and a litigator with the Western Center on Law and Poverty. He was one of three law professors who later established the Clinical Legal Education Program at UCLA School of Law, where he served for 11 years as law professor, associate dean, and director of clinical legal education.

Among his many honors, Justice Boland received the Los Angeles County Bar Association Outstanding Jurist Award; California Trial Lawyers Jurist of the Year; Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles’ Roger Traynor Appellate Justice of the Year Award; and the Alfred McCourtney Trial Judge of the Year Award; Juvenile Courts Bar Association Judge of the Year Award; Constitutional Rights Foundation Judge of the Year Award; and Irish

American Bar Association Daniel O'Connell Award. He also is recipient of the Loyola Marymount University Distinguished Alumnus Award. He served on the Board of Regents of both Loyola Marymount University and Loyola High School.

Justice Boland is survived by his wife, U.S. District Judge Margaret Morrow Boland, and their son, Patrick.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Paul Boland Memorial Fund which will provide much-needed scholarships. The address for such contributions is c/o the California Community Foundation, 445 South Figueroa, Suite 3400, Los Angeles, California 90071.

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