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Funeral Service on November 12 For Alameda Judge Barbara J. Miller

Former Judicial Council Member, Judge Miller Known for Contributions to Judicial Branch and Community

San Francisco—A funeral service will be held for Judge Barbara J. Miller, of the Superior Court of Alameda County, at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 12, at the Chapel of the Chimes, 4499 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland. Judge Miller died unexpectedly last Friday at her Oakland home following a brief illness. She was 58.

"Judge Barbara Miller was well-known for her many contributions to the judicial branch and the community, and will be greatly missed by her colleagues on the bench and bar," stated Chief Justice Ronald M. George. "She was an excellent member of the Judicial Council and made valuable contributions to the statewide Bench Bar Coalition and to the many council committees that she served. In addition to helping create the Alameda Superior Court's first domestic violence court, Judge Miller was also dedicated to educating community youth about the judicial branch of government. She has created a lasting legacy in her community and state."

Judge Miller was the first woman elected to serve as presiding judge of the Superior Court of Alameda County, where she had served since her election in 1996. During her tenure as presiding judge, several important initiatives were launched, including the formation of a homeless court and the opening of the court's first children's waiting room. Judge Miller was instrumental in the creation of the court's first domestic violence court.

Judge Miller also held other leadership positions, including assistant presiding judge and supervising judge of the Hayward Hall of Justice. Her most recent assignment was to the Wiley W. Manuel Courthouse in

Oakland, where she presided over a criminal calendar.

Judge Miller played an active role in the superior court's Community Focused Court Planning project and worked closely with colleagues Judge Gordon S. Baranco and Judge Leo Dorado to organize programs in Alameda County middle and high schools to educate youth about the judicial branch of government.

Since 1989, Judge Miller served as a faculty member for the annual B.E. Witkin Judicial College of California, where she was an instructor in probate, family law, and domestic violence.

Judge Miller was also a past member of various Judicial Council committees, including the Commission for Impartial Courts Steering Committee, the Working Group on Court Security, the Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee and Executive Committee, the Trial Court Budget Working Group, and the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee.

Before her judicial career, Judge Miller was an attorney in private practice for 10 years, which included 6 years with the law firm formerly known as Thelen, Marrin, Johnson & Bridges in San Francisco and 4 years with Knox Ricksen LLP in Oakland.

Judge Miller was admitted to the California bar on November 29, 1978, after receiving her juris doctor cum laude in 1978 from the University of San Francisco School of Law.

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