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Chief Justice Selects Justice Rylaarsdam as Acting Presiding Justice of Court of Appeal

San Francisco – Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye today selected Associate Justice William F. Rylaarsdam to serve as Acting Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Three in Santa Ana. Justice Rylaarsdam, who sits on Division Three, will temporarily fill the vacancy created by the recent retirement of Presiding Justice David G. Sills until the Governor appoints a replacement who must then be confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments.

Article VI, section 3 of the California Constitution specifically provides that the Chief Justice may appoint an acting Presiding Justice of a Court of Appeal in the event there is no permanent Presiding Justice available to serve.

A jurist for 26 years, Justice Rylaarsdam has served on the Fourth Appellate District, Division Three, since 1995 and is the senior justice serving on that court.

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