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## **Ron Overholt Receives Top Award From National Center for State Courts**

### *AOC Chief Deputy Director Honored For Leadership in Judicial Administration*

San Francisco – Ronald G. Overholt, chief deputy director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, yesterday received a Distinguished Service Award from the National Center for State Courts (NCSC), one of the highest honors bestowed by the national organization. The Distinguished Service Award is presented annually to those who have made significant contributions to the judicial administration field and who have supported the mission of the NCSC.

“Over his 30-year career in judicial administration, Ron Overholt has worked diligently to enhance the quality of justice and the court’s service to the people of California,” said Mary C. McQueen, NCSC president. “Ron also has been actively engaged with other state court leaders across the country, discussing policies and sharing knowledge that helps to improve court operations and enhance the public’s trust and confidence in the courts.”

“Congratulations to Ron Overholt on this well deserved honor,” stated California Chief Justice Ronald M. George. “It is because of the dedication, intelligence, and hard work of leaders like Ron that we have come so far in such a short period of time in making our courts better able to fulfill our mission of providing access to justice for all Californians. With this award, Ron joins a select group of individuals who have helped to shape court administration in many states, and advanced the cause of justice around the nation.”

William C. Vickrey, Administrative Director of the California Courts stated, “I have been extremely fortunate to have Ron Overholt as my partner in leading the work of the Administrative Office of the Courts. Ron has been instrumental in elevating the profession of court administration here in California and nationally. He is an outstanding court administrator who has been on the frontlines of every major reform to modernize court management and administration.”

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Mr. Overholt has served as chief deputy director of the California Administrative Office of the Courts since October 2000. Before joining the AOC, Mr. Overholt was the court executive officer of the Superior Court of Alameda County, where he also served as jury commissioner and clerk. During his tenure there, he oversaw the unification of the Alameda Superior and Municipal courts into a single-level trial court and was a key player in the transition of California's trial courts to state funding.

Mr. Overholt previously held management positions in the Superior Court of San Diego County from 1979 to 1988, where he was instrumental in implementing the Trial Court Delay Reduction Act.

Mr. Overholt is a past president of the California Association for Superior Court Administration and a former member of the board of directors of the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials. He has served as an advisory member of the Judicial Council of California (1995–1998), chair of the Judicial Council's Court Executives Advisory Committee, and member of its Executive and Planning Committee.

Nationally, Mr. Overholt has worked with the Conference of Chief Justices, Conference of State Court Administrators, and National Association for Court Management to provide training sessions on the most recent innovations in court management.

The National Center for State Courts, headquartered in Williamsburg, Virginia, is a nonprofit court reform organization dedicated to improving the administration of justice by providing leadership and service to the state courts.

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