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Sutter Court Executive Passes Away

SAN FRANCISCO—The Superior Court of Sutter County announced today that its executive officer has passed away after a long illness at age 58.

“It is with extreme sadness that I announce the death of Len L. LeTellier, Executive Officer for Sutter County Superior Court. Mr. LeTellier passed away on February 2, 2011 as a result of complications associated with a long illness,” said Presiding Judge Christopher Chandler.

LeTellier was appointed Executive Officer in 1998 and was instrumental in many significant accomplishments for the court, including the unification of the superior and municipal courts, implementation of new technology initiatives, transitioning to state funding and improving court services to families, children and the unrepresented members of our community.

LeTellier first served as an executive officer from 1981 to 1997 with the Contra Costa County Superior Court. At the time of his appointment he was the youngest (28 years of age) court executive officer in the state of California.

LeTellier was a graduate of the USC Master of Public Administration, Judicial Administration Program. He was a key contributor to many statewide initiatives and committees. These include serving as a member of the Judicial Council of California from 1988-1989, the Court Executives Advisory Committee, the Presiding Judges and Court Executives Education Committee from 2002-2005 and the Reporting of the Record Task Force from 2002-2004. He was a founding officer and active leader of the California Trial Court Consortium. At the time of his passing, LeTellier was serving on the Trial Court Budget Working Group.

“Mr. LeTellier’s friendship, leadership, and contributions will be missed by the judges and staff of the Sutter Superior Court as well as our judicial branch colleagues,” Chandler said.

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