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## **Judges Elect Daniel Buckley Presiding Judge And Kevin Brazile Asst. Presiding Judge**

Los Angeles Superior Court Presiding Judge Carolyn B. Kuhl has announced that the judges of the Los Angeles Superior Court have elected Assistant Presiding Judge Daniel J. Buckley to be their Presiding Judge and Judge Kevin C. Brazile to serve as the Assistant Presiding Judge for the 2016-17 term beginning on Jan. 1, 2017.

Judge Buckley has served as the Assistant Presiding Judge of the LASC since 2015. Prior to being elected Assistant Supervising Judge, Judge Buckley served as Supervising Judge of the civil departments and managed all civil cases in LASC's courthouses.

Before his assignment to the Stanley Mosk Courthouse in Los Angeles, Judge Buckley sat in the Pomona Courthouse, where he served as the Supervising Judge of the East District, and over the years handled misdemeanor, general civil, felony trial, felony master calendar and probate courts.

Judge Buckley chairs the Technology Committee and is actively involved in the Court's efforts to improve its technology. He has served on a number of internal LASC committees, including the Executive Committee.

Judge Buckley currently serves on the Judicial Council and is Vice-Chair of the Judicial Council Technology Committee. He previously served on the Judicial Council Advisory Committee on Financial Accountability and Efficiency, the Court Technology Advisory Committee, as well as the Technology Task Force. He previously served on the Ethics Committee of the California Judges Association.

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Judge Buckley was appointed by Gov. Gray Davis and took his oath on May 3, 2002. He has been an adjunct professor at the University of Southern California Gould School of Law, Loyola Law School, and Southwestern Law School, and an instructor at Notre Dame Law School. He has taught many judicial education classes on evidence, ethics, technology and new judges' orientation.

Judge Buckley was a partner at Breidenbach, Buckley, Huchting, Halm and Hamblet, where he worked from 1980 to 2002, and served as managing partner for seven years. He is a member of the American Board of Trial Attorneys.

He earned both his Doctor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts degrees from the University of Notre Dame and was admitted to the California bar in December 1980.

Judge Kevin C. Brazile is in his second year as Supervising Judge of the civil departments and manages all civil cases in LASC's courthouses. Before moving to the Mosk Courthouse to hear unlimited civil trials, Judge Brazile was the site judge at the West Covina Courthouse and was also assigned to the El Monte and Glendale Courthouses – hearing arraignments, misdemeanor trials, and felony preliminary hearings in those assignments.

Judge Brazile has served on the California Judges Association (CJA) Executive Board and served one year as a vice president. He also served on the California Judges Association foundation as well as on the Judicial Council's Advisory Committee on Civil and Small Claims.

Judge Brazile was appointed by Gov. Gray Davis and took his oath on Jan. 10, 2003. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he was Deputy County Counsel for the County of Los Angeles from 1984 through 2002 and served as Division Chief and Assistant County Counsel for the General Litigation division.

During his eighteen years with the County Counsel's Office, Judge Brazile worked as a civil trial attorney in both state and federal court, and successfully argued the case of Conn vs. Gabbert before the United States Supreme Court. He also argued appeals before the US Court of Appeals and the California Court of Appeal.

He earned both his Doctor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts degrees from the University of California, Los Angeles, and was admitted to the California Bar in June 1984.

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