



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**Hall of Justice and Records**  
**400 County Center**  
**Redwood City, CA 94063**

**Hon. George A. Miram**  
**Presiding Judge**

**Hon. Robert D Foiles**  
**Assistant Presiding Judge**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** Redwood City, CA

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## **Local High Schools and Judges Unite to Improve Education**

Judges of the San Mateo Superior Court are stepping off the bench once again and into the classroom to teach high school students about the justice system.

The event, Court in the Schools Days, is being held in the Sequoia Union High School District, San Mateo Union High School District and at Junipero Serra High School. At each school, a member of the judiciary teaches government classes for the day and discusses a case study based on an actual criminal case. "We've gotten many comments from students and faculty that the case study and class discussion are very interesting and informative" according to Presiding Judge, George A. Miram. "This event" according to Judge Forcum, who developed the program and is the Chair of the Court's Community Outreach Committee, "complements the schools' curriculum on the court system and adds to the students' understanding of the criminal justice process."

Judges who have participated in Court in the Schools Day include: Presiding Judge George A. Miram, Assistant Presiding Judge Robert D Foiles, Judges Joseph E. Bergeron, Clifford V. Cretan, Marta S. Diaz, Mark R. Forcum, Beth Labson Freeman, John L. Grandsaert, Stephen M. Hall, Carl W. Holm, Craig L. Parsons, John W. Runde, Marie S. Weiner, and Commissioner Susan Greenberg. Additionally, Deputy District Attorney Elaine Tipton appears on behalf of the district attorney's office throughout the event.

The case study can also be found on the Court's website, at <http://www.sanmateocourt.org> by clicking on the High School Case Study link.