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First Courthouse for High Technology Cases in Bay Area Announced

San Mateo County Superior Court Presiding Judge George A. Miram announced today that the Court will be dedicating the first courthouse in the Bay Area for high technology cases and other lawsuits that are deemed complex. These cases, also called complex litigation cases, require more resources than typical lawsuits because of the large number of pre-trial motions, large numbers of parties and attorneys involved, and the possible need to coordinate with other state or federal courts. These cases commonly have a focus on science, technology, or other complex subject matters.

Judge Miram, in announcing this new court, commented that, "with Silicon Valley to the south and biotech research to the north, San Mateo County is literally at the confluence of two major economic industries. These industries not only influence the county's economics but they impact the delivery of key services within the county. By creating a special court just for complex litigation, San Mateo Superior Court is able to proactively address the unique requirements of these special cases and provide the necessary resources while still meeting the needs of other litigants."

According to Bruce L. Simon, a partner at Cotchett, Pitre, Simon & McCarthy in Burlingame, who helped develop this specialized court, "this conversion shows how serious the Court is about efficiency and access to the legal system. With San Mateo being in the middle of the high tech world, a dedicated courthouse with two judges gives both business and consumers a cutting edge complex program. It makes me proud to practice in San Mateo County." Moreover, according to John Fitton, San Mateo Superior Court's Executive Officer, "this progressive move is aligned with our core court values of improving court access and related levels of service for all San Mateo County residents and businesses."

Two judges will be assigned to this new court, Judge Carol L. Mittlesteadt, who has extensive experience with complex litigation both as a judge and as an attorney and Judge Steven L. Dylina, who has received specialized training in presiding over science and technology cases. The complex litigation court will be launched in January at the central courthouse on Humboldt Avenue in San Mateo.

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