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JUDGE NANCY CASE SHAFFER TO RETIRE

SANTA ROSA -- The Honorable Nancy Case Shaffer will retire on July 5, 2021, after serving on the Sonoma County Superior Court bench for 14 years. She was dedicated to her work and determined to invest the time to do the work to the best of her ability. Her dedication is evident in her remarks, "Serving as a judge is a high calling. I did the very best that I could in the time allowed from my first day to my last, so no regrets. Along the way, I was privileged to work with many wonderful colleagues and staff and made new friends for life. I am deeply appreciative of the opportunity to serve Sonoma County as a judge."

Judge Shaffer graduated from USF Law School in 1977. She began her legal career when she moved to Rochester, Minnesota, where she worked as a law clerk. Her boss, Peter Goodman, sent her an appellate decision after she moved home to California, with a note: "You won your first case." Judge Shaffer started practicing law in 1978; her legal career has spanned forty-three years.

Judge Shaffer practiced law and served as a judge during times of social and legal changes of seemingly only increasing magnitude-interesting times. As an attorney, she represented many successful and talented clients at her former firm, Beyers, Costin & Case. According to Judge Shaffer, she came to a point in her legal career where she was drawn to use her abilities to serve our community rather than individual clients. "It is true that I love the law." Recently she was asked if she had any regrets about leaving the bench. She said, "I do not; I kind of feel that I left it all on the playing field as a judge." "At the end of my career as an attorney, I had the privilege and honor of serving on the Sonoma County Superior Court."

The Sonoma County Superior Court wishes Judge Shaffer all the best in her retirement!

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