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Alum appointed to Superior Court Bench

Deputy District Attorney Browder Willis ('83) has been appointed to the San Diego Superior Court Bench by Governor Gray Davis. Willis is one of four recent appointees in San Diego. He will take the bench April 30.

First Time's a Charm for New Grads



Mark Carleton Blane ('98) and Chad J. McGuire ('99) achieved a successful settlement in the first lawsuit they ever filed.

The two recent grads, associates with Hiden, Rott & Oertle in Mission Valley, reached a settlement in the nationwide Fen-Phen Diet Drug case.

Blane and McGuire were in negotiations with lawyers from American Home Products

[AHP], 6th largest pharmaceutical manufacturer in the world. Although the exact amount of the settlement remains confidential due to the pending litigation throughout the country, AHP has to date released \$5 billion in trust in an attempt to settle the remaining claims.

The two-lawyer team will continue to head the Pharmaceutical Drug Litigation team for their firm, with more than 75 Fen-Phen cases still pending. Retired San Francisco Superior Court Judge Daniel Weinstein, a co-founding member of JAMS End Dispute, presided over the

negotiations.

Photo (left to right): Mark Blane, retired San Francisco Superior Court Judge Daniel Weinstein and Chad McGuire.

TJ Alum Goes After Health Care Fraud

Carlotta Hivoral ('97) works for the State Attorney General's Office in San Diego. She specializes in health care fraud and abuse, including compliance programs. Ms. Hivoral recently published an article about how physicians become victims of Medi-Cal fraud in *California Physician*.

ALUMS RECEIVE AWARDS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

Anthony E. Kalikas ('90) was recently honored by the California Young Lawyers Association for a lengthy list of pro bono work, including free legal services for AIDS sufferers, organizing a toy drive, feeding the homeless and much more. Read all about this noteworthy grad in the October issue of the California Bar Journal.

Rebecca McKenzie ('95) was honored with the State Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award for District 9. Amongst other activities, McKenzie jumped in to save the family law access program of the north county office of the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program. In all, this distinguished TJSL grad contributed more than 537 pro bono hours. Read about her in the October issue of the California Bar Journal

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Chris Whelton ('90) is opening his own practice. *Whelton & Associates* will continue ten years of practice in the areas of civil litigation, criminal defense, cyberlaw, insurance defense and general liability litigation. Chris will also return to the practice of state and federal criminal defense which he began with the County of San Diego in 1989.

Prior to opening his own office, he was an associate with Kasdan Simonds Epstein & Martin of Irvine, California. *Whelton & Associates* will service all courts in San Diego, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties.

Susan H. Lovenworth ('87), who practices family law in Escondido, is now Vice President and Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Bar Association of North San Diego County.

Martha J. Mosier ('92) is a litigation counsel for Coldwell Banker Residential Brokers in Mission Viejo.