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## **CAOC Leadership react to the retirement of William Vickrey As chief of the California Administrative Office of the Courts**

John Montevideo, CAOC 2011 President:

“Bill Vickrey was a stalwart in supporting the California justice system and will be missed. He helped guide our state’s judicial system during a difficult period, from the early days of court unification in 1992 on through to our present era of far greater statewide cohesion. He has served with distinction in keeping the courts funded and serving the needs of society. Like any administrator, he has endured his share of ups and downs in a job that is not immune to controversy, but Bill has always served with aplomb, keeping in mind the best interest of the state, its citizens, its courts and of justice.”

Christopher B. Dolan, CAOC past president (2010):

“I am saddened, but not surprised, by Bill Vickrey’s announcement of his retirement. Bill had, for some time, told those close to him that he was considering retirement but, in essence, the Chief beat him to it. Bill stayed on to serve the courts through the transition to a new, very capable, Chief Justice.

“In looking at Bill’s 18 years of dedicated service to the courts, it is apparent to all that he, along with Chief Justice George, steered the California courts through the greatest sea change in California’s judicial history. When Bill started in 1992, the courts were a series of local, essentially feudal, county courts housed in outdated facilities. This system was ill-equipped to handle the growing needs of the seventh largest economy in the world. Bill is a visionary who worked selflessly to ensure that courts were funded adequately and housed in safe facilities with sufficient courtrooms to serve the needs of litigants. He shepherded the courts into a unified system and branch of government which not only strengthened the third branch, but provided fair and equal administration of justice.

“Many don’t know this but Bill worked more than he slept. He would often e-mail at 6:30 in the morning and again at 11:30 in the evening. He testified hundreds of times in front of the Legislature to protect and preserve access to justice. I have had the distinct honor and pleasure to work closely with Bill and call him a dear friend. I know his heart and his talents have always been in the right place, preserving access to justice so that Californians can have faith that they have a place to turn to for their day in court. While the courts have lost their best advocate with Bill’s retirement, his legacy will extend forever in the halls of justice.”

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