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CEO RETIRES AND SUCCESSOR ANNOUNCED

Yreka, CA: The Superior Court, State of California, County of Siskiyou announces that Mary Frances McHugh, Court Executive Officer, will retire effective December 31, 2016. The Judges of the Court have identified René McCanna Crane, currently the Court's Assistant CEO, as her successor.

After ten years of private law practice, Ms. McHugh dedicated twenty years of service to the community as the Court's research attorney, Deputy County Counsel for the County of Siskiyou, and City Attorney for the City of Yreka before taking on the role of Court Executive Officer in 2012. As CEO, her intensive efforts were essential in accelerating the New Courthouse Project forward to the point of being shovel-ready, just before State

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funding shortfalls, which are out of the local court's control, required that the project be delayed. She guided the implementation of the Court's new case management system, new jury system functionality and new website. Her dedication, work ethic and legal expertise will be deeply missed.

Ms. McCanna Crane is a native of Siskiyou County who has served the Siskiyou County Superior Court since 1999 in various capacities, starting as a court clerk and advancing to Manager of Family Services and her current position of Assistant Court Executive Officer. As Assistant CEO Ms. McCanna Crane served as the Court's Human Resources Officer, and in that position was instrumental in budget development and management. Her training and experience include an associate's degree in business administration as well as a bachelor's degree in business administration, which she earned in 2011 while working for the Court.

Ms. McHugh welcomed the choice of Ms. McCanna Crane as her successor, commenting that "It will allow for a smooth transition as Ms. McCanna Crane has held a lead role on several court administrative projects and has been very involved and extremely instrumental in all of the major challenges this court has experienced over the past 4 years: the workload allocation funding methodology, the courthouse project, and the case management system upgrade. This will carry forward the

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institutional memory of the court and serve this community very well."

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