



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
FOR GREGORY CONSTANTINE PARASKOU
ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM SERVICE TO
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, OCTOBER 2010

WHEREAS, Gregory C. Paraskou thereafter began his legal career as an attorney in the Santa Clara Public Defender's Office, where he represented clients in twenty eight murder trials, including three death penalty cases. During his tenure in Santa Clara he shared an office with Ms. Rose Bird, who later became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of California. Mr. Paraskou excelled in the courtroom and had the ability to share his skills and experience with other lawyers. He was instrumental in creating the Death Penalty College at Santa Clara University School of Law in 1992 to enhance the trial skills of lawyers involved in Death Penalty litigation. He has taught at the College every year since the inception and worked with lawyers handling the most serious criminal cases providing them with materials, analysis and strategy, as well as quiet support and encouragement; and

WHEREAS, Gregory C. Paraskou has also served as the Chair of the Monterey Capital Case Defense Seminar from 1996-1998; and on the Board of Governors for the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice from 1993-1998; and was an instructor in the Trial Advocacy Programs at Stanford University, the University of San Francisco and Santa Clara University before joining Santa Barbara County as the Assistant Public Defender in 2000, and later becoming the department head in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Gregory C. Paraskou culminated his career of public service as the Public Defender of Santa Barbara County by collaborating with the District Attorney's Office, the Sheriff and Probation departments, Alcohol Drug and Mental Health Services, and community-based organizations to oversee the implementation of therapeutic court programs such as Proposition 36, Substance Abuse Treatment Court, Mental Health Court, Juvenile Drug Court, and Domestic Violence Review Court; and has been an active member of the CORE committees and the Policy Council guiding the development of programs to assist members of our community involved in the criminal justice system succeed in treatment and rejoin our community; now therefore, be it hereby

ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors commends Mr. Gregory Constantine Paraskou for his 38 years of committed public service, especially for his service of 10 years to the Santa Barbara County Public Defender's Office, its clients and his contributions to the County of Santa Barbara; and the Board hereby congratulates him on a well-deserved retirement and extends him the Board's best wishes.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, on this 28th day of September 2010 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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