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Judges Edwards and Hyman Receive Recognition for Work**

The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, is proud to announce that two of its judges have received recent honors.

Hon. Leonard P. Edwards received the *2004 Exemplary Community Leadership Award* from the National Conference for Community and Justice, Silicon Valley Region. Judge Edwards also received the *2004 Distinguished Service Award* from the National Center for State Courts, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Judge Edwards's positive impact on the justice system is seen in his work and dedication in the areas of judicial leadership, domestic violence prevention and intervention, and children in courts. Judge Edwards joined the Superior Court bench in 1981 after practicing law both as a public defender and private attorney. In addition to his service on the bench, Judge Edwards is a noted educator and writer.

Hon. Eugene M. Hyman received one of the *Unsung Hero Awards, 2004*, from the Santa Clara County Victim Support Network. Judge Hyman also received an *Alumni Special Achievement Award* from the Santa Clara University School of Law.

Judge Hyman's achievements as a judicial officer have been demonstrated broadly. By his creation of the first juvenile delinquency domestic and family violence court, he brings "new levels of care, concern and remediation to these much younger offenders and especially to their victims." Judge Hyman has been a judge in Santa Clara County for over 14 years. He formerly served as a police officer, private attorney, and currently is also a featured lecturer internationally in the area of juvenile domestic violence.