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COURT ANNOUNCES PASSING OF JUDGE ROBERT L. AMBROSE

Acting Presiding Judge Jack Komar of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara announced today that Judge Robert L. “Bud” Ambrose passed away on Friday, October 20, 2006 following an illness. To honor the memory of Judge Ambrose, Judge Komar ordered that all courthouse flags be flown at half-mast.

Judge Ambrose was a Bay Area native, having been born in Hayward and reared in San Lorenzo, California. He served in the U. S. Air Force, was stationed in Korea, and taught martial arts at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Judge Ambrose was employed as a police officer and sheriff’s deputy in Sherman, Texas from 1967 to 1969, followed by ten years with the Richmond, California police department from 1969 to 1979. He also held positions with the U. S. Department of Defense and the Veteran’s Administration.

Following his graduation from Armstrong College of the Law in Berkeley, California, Judge Ambrose was admitted to the California State Bar on May 21, 1980. He served as a Santa Clara County Deputy District Attorney from 1981 to 1986 and also established a private law practice in Fremont, California from 1986 to 1991. He was appointed to the Santa Clara County Municipal Court bench by Governor George Deukmejian and was sworn in on December 31, 1990. He was elevated to the Superior Court bench effective July 30, 1998 as a result of the unification of the Municipal and Superior Courts. Judge Ambrose handled a variety of assignments in both the Municipal and Superior Courts, and was most recently assigned to hear criminal matters at the Hall of Justice in San Jose.

Judge Ambrose will be remembered for his intelligence, his quick wit, and his dedication to public service. With his passing the court has lost a respected colleague and friend, and Santa Clara County has lost a tireless advocate for justice.