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**Honorable Peggy Fulton Hora wins the 2004 Bernard S. Jefferson Judicial Education Award**

California Judges Association President Eric C. Taylor named the Honorable Peggy Fulton Hora, Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, the 2004 recipient of the Bernard S. Jefferson Judicial Education Award at the organization's 75th annual meeting in Monterey, California on Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004. The award is named after Justice Bernard S. Jefferson (1910-2002), who was one of the first African-Americans appointed to the California state appellate courts, and served as the presiding justice of Division One of the Second District Court of Appeals during his final years on the bench. The first recipient of the Jefferson Judicial Education Award was Bernard E. Witkin in 1976, a co-founder with Justice Jefferson of the California Judicial College.

"I have respected and admired Judge Peggy Hora since the days we both served as Legal Aid attorneys twenty-five years ago. She is a visionary pioneer in the therapeutic court movement. Judge Hora's unwavering commitment to judicial education and public service has touched the lives of countless Drug Court participants on local, national, and international levels. She richly deserves this award," commented Claudia Beth Jackson, Division Chief for Drug Court Services of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

The California Judges Association's Bernard S. Jefferson Judicial Education Award is presented at the organization's annual meeting to the California judge who has made the most exceptional contribution to the field of judicial education during the previous year. Past recipients of the Jefferson Award from the Alameda County Superior Court bench include Hon. Spurgeon Avakian (1983) and Hon. Marie Bertillion Collins (1985). "I had the honor of taking Evidence from Justice Jefferson at the California Judicial College and am thrilled to receive an award in his name," stated Judge Peggy Hora about being the 2004 award recipient.

Judge Hora was elected to the Municipal Court in 1984 for the former San Leandro Hayward Judicial District and served as that court's Presiding Judge in 1989. She became a member of the Alameda County Superior Court upon unification in 1998, and has presided over the Drug Treatment Court at the Hayward Hall of Justice since then. Judge Hora has taught at the Bernard E. Witkin Judicial College of California for 17 years and was Dean of the College from 1997-1999. In addition to California's College, she has been on the faculty of the National Judicial College for 12 years and has taught for such diverse entities as the American Psychological Association, American Society of Addiction Medicine, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment and The Chicago Police Forum. She has also taught extension courses for the University of California for five years. She has lectured in Japan, Scotland, Italy, Ireland, Canada and England primarily on issues of Therapeutic Jurisprudence. Her teaching spans civil law subjects such as landlord/tenant, consumer law and small claims; criminal law issues like misdemeanor sentencing, domestic violence and Fourth Amendment suppression motions; as well as alcohol and substance abuse topics.

In addition to teaching and lecturing nationally and internationally, Judge Hora has published widely and was the lead author of the seminal law review article on drug treatment courts published by *Notre Dame Law Review* in 1999. Over 30,000 copies of that article are in circulation. Her latest work, "Judicial Satisfaction When Judging in a Therapeutic Key," was recently published in the United Kingdom in *Contemporary Issues in Law*.

Judge Hora is a founder of the Drug Treatment Court movement and an expert in cultural issues in substance abuse. Her memberships include the California Judges Association, the National Association of Women Judges, and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. She has been the recipient of awards such as the “Woman of the Year Award” from the California Legislature (1998), the “Outstanding Alumnus Award” from Chabot College (1984), the “Woman of the Year Award” from the San Leandro Business and Professional Women’s Club (1984), the “Valuable Service Award” from the Legal Services National Clients’ Council (1982), and the “Women Helping Women Award” from Soroptimist International of San Leandro (1978).

Judge Hora received her J.D. degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law in May of 1978. She later received her California Adult Education Teaching Credential in 1983. She received her magna cum laude B.A degree with a major in Political Science and a minor in Mass Communication, and was the first student to complete a concentration (interdisciplinary minor) in Women’s Studies from California State University, Hayward in 1975. She also received her A.A. degree with Highest Honors from Chabot College in 1972. Born in Oakland, California, Judge Hora has three sons and seven grandchildren. During her free time, she enjoys opera, yoga, movies and cooking.

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