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## **Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference to Recognize Central District of California Jurist and Lawyer**

**SAN FRANCISCO** – District Judge Andrew J. Guilford, of the United States District Court for the Central District of California and Los Angeles attorney Harvey I. Saferstein will be honored next week at the 2018 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference in Anaheim, California.

Judge Guilford will receive the 2018 Ninth Circuit Professionalism Award from the American Inns of Court, a national organization that seeks to improve the practice of law by promoting mentorship and collegiality among the bar. The professionalism award is given annually in all of the federal circuits to “a lawyer or judge whose life and practice display sterling character and unquestioned integrity, coupled with ongoing dedication to the highest standards of the legal profession and the rule of law.”

Mr. Saferstein will receive the 2018 John Frank Award established by the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit to recognize a lawyer who has “demonstrated outstanding character and integrity; dedication to the rule of law; proficiency as a trial and appellate lawyer; success in promoting collegiality among members of the bench and bar; and a lifetime of service to the federal courts of the Ninth Circuit.”

The awards will be presented on Monday, July 23, 2018, during the opening session of the conference, an annual gathering of judges, lawyers and judicial administrators working in the federal courts of nine western states and Pacific islands.

Judge Guilford is being honored for his distinguished career and remarkable achievements, and commitment to mentoring and training the younger generation of lawyers in Orange County. He was nominated for the honor by Brett J. Williamson, president of the Howard T. Markey Intellectual Property Inn of Court in Orange County, California, which Judge Guilford helped found in 2013. The Andrew J. Guilford Award was established in recognition of his critical role in founding and sustaining the inn.

Nominated by President George W. Bush, Judge Guilford was confirmed by the Senate on June 22, 2006, and received his judicial commission on June 26, 2006. Prior to his appointment, he engaged in private practice as an associate, from 1975 to 1983, and as a partner, from 1983 to 2006, at Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP in Costa Mesa, California. He received his A.B., summa cum laude, Regents Scholar and Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1972 and his J.D. in 1975 from the UCLA School of Law, where he was associate editor of the UCLA Law Review.

Judge Guilford served on the U.S. Judicial Conference Committee on Codes of Conduct, from 2011 to 2017, and is one of six Patent Pilot Program judges in the Central District. As president of Public Law Center, from 2004 to 2006, he helped establish the Orange County Pro Se Clinic. He also served as president of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers of Orange County, 2000-2001; the State Bar of California, 1999-2000; and the Orange County Bar Association, 1991.

Chief Judge Sidney R. Thomas of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit will present the award.

Mr. Saferstein currently serves on the Ninth Circuit Advisory Board, a group of highly experienced attorneys who advise the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit on court governance matters. He is a solo practitioner who specializes in antitrust and intellectual property counseling and litigation, and complex commercial and business litigation. He had been a partner with Irell & Manella in Los Angeles for 15 years, Mintz Levin for 14 years and Munger Tolles for 10 years. Mr. Saferstein also served as the regional director of the Federal Trade Commission.

Mr. Saferstein received his B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of California at Berkeley in 1965 and earned his J.D., magna cum laude, in 1968 from Harvard Law School, where he served as executive editor of the Harvard Law Review. Following law school, Mr. Saferstein clerked for Chief Judge Bailey Aldrich of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. He previously served on the Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representatives Coordinating Committee and the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference Executive Committee.

The award, which was established in 2003 by the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit, will be presented by Peg Carew Toledo, who chairs the Ninth Circuit Advisory Board.

The Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference is authorized by law “for the purpose of considering the business of the courts and advising means of improving the administration of justice within the circuit.” 28 U.S.C. § 333. The conference provides an exceptional educational program and facilitates circuit governance through approximately 60 business meetings. Some 600 judges, lawyers, court staff and special guests are expected to attend.

The U.S. Courts for the Ninth Circuit consists of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the federal trial and bankruptcy courts and related court units in Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, the U.S. Territory of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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