



# SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF BUTTE

## \*\*\* NEWS RELEASE \*\*\*

**DATE:** December 27, 2012

Presiding Judge Stephen E. Benson is pleased to announce that Mr. Michael R. Deems will be sworn into office as Butte County's newest Superior Court Judge on Friday, December 28, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at the Butte County Courthouse located at One Court Street in Oroville.

Mr. Deems was appointed by Governor Brown on December 27, 2012 to fill the judgeship previously held by Judge Steven J. Howell, who retired from the Court in February.

Deems, 59, of Chico, has served as a managing partner at the Law Offices of Deems and Keller LLP since 2002. He was an associate at Stewart Humpherys Burchett and Molin LLP from 1998 to 2002 and an associate at Sinclair and Hill from 1995 to 1998. Deems was an associate at Moss and Enochian from 1991 to 1995 and an associate at Nagle Krug and Winters from 1985 to 1991. He earned a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the California Lutheran College.

The Butte County Superior Court has 11 authorized judicial positions and 2 court commissioner positions. With Judge Deems' swearing in, the Court will have one vacancy.