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SAN FRANCISCO JUDGES, BASF INVITE THE PUBLIC TO A COMMUNITY FORUM TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SF SUPERIOR COURT

"Meet the Judges" Forum, Refreshments at UC Hastings College of the Law on May 14

SAN FRANCISCO -- San Franciscans with questions about the San Francisco Superior Court are invited to attend a May 14 "Meet the Judges" forum at UC Hastings College of the Law, Presiding Judge John K. Stewart and The Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) President Timothy W. Moppin announced today.

Presented by BASF and the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, San Franciscans are invited to a community forum from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at UC Hastings College of the Law, Alumni Reception Center, 200 McAllister St., San Francisco. Superior Court Judges and staff will be available to answer general questions about Civil Harassment/Restraining Orders; Family Law; Housing; Traffic; Small Claims; ACCESS Self-Help Center; and Jury Service.

"As Presiding Judge of the San Francisco Superior Court, I would like to personally invite San Franciscans to attend the Meet the Judges community forum," Judge Stewart said. "This is a unique opportunity for Judges to meet the constituents they serve and to answer their questions

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about the Court.”

“The Bar Association of San Francisco is pleased to be co-hosting this special evening with the San Francisco Superior Court,” said 2015 President Timothy W. Moppin. “Oftentimes the public only interacts with Judges when they are facing legal issues or under the stress of representing themselves in Court. This forum will allow the public access to Judges outside of a courtroom setting, and will provide resources about Court processes and self-help services.”

Judge Stewart and Moppin will serve as moderators for the panel discussion. After the panel discussion, light refreshments with the Judges will be served at 7 p.m.

Judges are prohibited by ethical rules from commenting on particular court cases. Volunteer attorneys will review written questions submitted by the audience. Judges will then provide the answers to questions about the Court, the services it provides, and its processes.

Educational materials will be available to the public, including self-help brochures in multiple languages.

The Meet the Judges community forum also is sponsored by the Filipino Bar Association of Northern California; Korean American Bar Association of Northern California; South Asian Bar Association of Northern California; and the Vietnamese American Bar Association of Northern California.

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