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**SOTO NAMED TO NEW TERM AS PRESIDING JUDGE
FOR SANTA CRUZ COUNTY**

PHOENIX – The Arizona Supreme Court has appointed the Honorable James A. Soto to a new three-year term as Presiding Judge in Santa Cruz County.

Presiding Judge Soto was appointed to the Superior Court in Santa Cruz County in 2001 and has served as that court’s presiding judge since then. A graduate of Arizona State University, Judge Soto began his career in a private legal practice. He worked as associate attorney, law partner or shareholder in three different law firms until he was named to the bench in 2001.

Presiding Judges in Arizona take on extra duties and serve as the chief executive officer of the county courts, overseeing all aspects of court business. The Presiding Judge oversees case assignments and court calendar and monitors performance of the courts to ensure that cases are processed in a timely manner.

“Judge Soto has demonstrated outstanding leadership by ensuring a fair and impartial justice system that protects the community, children, and families. I appreciate his willingness to continue serving Santa Cruz County Superior Court as its Presiding Judge.” stated Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court Rebecca White Berch.

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