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Three CAOC members picked for Superior Court bench Governor taps Chapman, Jones and Talamantes to don judicial robes

SACRAMENTO (Jan. 3, 2013) — Three members of Consumer Attorneys of California were among 30 attorneys appointed to Superior Court judgeships last week by Gov. Jerry Brown.

David Michael Chapman of Palm Desert was appointed to the bench in Riverside County. Chapman spent nearly 30 years as senior associate attorney at the Indio law office of CAOC past president Thomas T. Anderson after serving as a deputy district attorney in Los Angeles and Riverside counties. For the past 15 years he has administered settlement conferences as a judge pro tem on behalf of the Riverside County Superior Court, and he has also served as a private mediator. Chapman has successfully prosecuted civil actions in the areas of product liability, wrongful death, medical malpractice, insurance bad faith, and catastrophic injury.

Michael W. Jones of Folsom was appointed to a judgeship in Placer County. Jones has been a senior partner at Hansen Kohls Jones Sommer & Jacob of Sacramento and Roseville since 2003. Before attending law school he worked in law enforcement with a focus on gangs, vice and narcotics cases, then after earning his law degree he served in the Los Angeles and Shasta county district attorney's offices before going into private practice. Jones has served on the arbitration panels of both the Placer and Sacramento county superior courts and has been a judge pro tem in the Placer County court. His legal practice emphasized business litigation, personal injury with a focus on wrongful death, catastrophic injury, elder abuse and civil rights with a focus on police abuse.

Mark Andrew Talamantes of Tiburon was appointed to a judgeship in Marin County. He has been managing partner of Talamantes Villegas Carrera in San Francisco, a firm he established in 1999. The firm has been known for its wage-and-hour litigation in behalf of Latinos in low-wage positions, such as janitors, housekeepers and agricultural workers.

Also among Gov. Brown's judicial appointments was Brad Seligman, who was appointed to the bench in Alameda County. Seligman is not a CAOC member, but the association's advocates have worked with him in his role as a civil rights attorney and founder of the Impact Fund, which provides financial and technical assistance and representation for complex public interest litigation. He has been lead counsel in the nationwide class action gender discrimination case *Dukes v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.*, the largest civil rights class action ever certified.

CAOC congratulates Chapman, Jones, Talamantes and Seligman on their appointments and wishes them success in their new roles.

Consumer Attorneys of California is a professional organization of plaintiffs' attorneys representing consumers seeking accountability against wrongdoers in cases involving personal injury, product liability, environmental degradation and other causes.

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