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## TWO JUDGES HONORED AT ANNUAL RED MASS EVENT

**SAN BERNARDINO, CA**—San Bernardino Superior Court (SBSC) is proud to announce that Presiding Judge Michael A. Sachs and Commissioner Ronald J. Gilbert were honored for their exemplary public service at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Mass event at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral on October 7, 2021.

The Red Mass is an annual event attended by judges, elected officials, lawyers, and law faculty at the opening of the judicial year. Celebrated around the world, the Red Mass is designed to provide the legal community an opportunity to reflect on the powers and responsibilities of their offices.

Presiding Judge Michael A. Sachs was presented with the St. Thomas More Award for his leadership and outstanding service as a judicial officer. “I am thankful to be recognized for our dedication and mission for access to justice”, said Presiding Judge Sachs. “I am pleased to see this tradition continue and strengthen all those who work in law or government to better serve our community.”

Commissioner Ronald J. Gilbert has led the collaborative court programs related to the adult and juvenile drug courts, mental health court, and veteran’s treatment court for close to 10 years. “I am very honored to receive the St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Award. I would like to thank the justice partners and my amazing court family,” said Commissioner Gilbert.

The ‘red’ in Red Mass is derived from the use of the color red for all being indicative of the tongues of fire observed on Pentecost according to the event’s program. The Red Mass in the Diocese of San Bernardino began in 1991. Over the years, it has alternated between San Bernardino and Riverside.

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