

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:
the retirement of Deputy Public Defender Danny Clark

Resolution No. 2010/7

WHEREAS, Dan Clark is retiring from the Office of Public Defender after almost four decades of service which began in July, 1971, as an Investigator Aide; and

WHEREAS, Dan Clark's early career with the Department as an investigator was marked by close work with many attorneys in the office and demonstrated skill in teaming with attorneys for seeking good trial results; and

WHEREAS, Dan Clark's commitment to professional development as an Investigator was exemplified by his attendance of, and graduation from, the Backster School of Lie Detection in May, 1975, as well as Dan's subsequent work on staff as a polygraph examiner for many years thereafter; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, after eight years with the Department, Dan left to enter private practice as a Licensed Investigator; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Dan Clark graduated from John F. Kennedy Law School, which he attended while working in private practice as an Investigator, passed the bar, and returned to the fold as a Deputy Public Defender in April 1989; and

WHEREAS, Dan worked in all the geographical branches of the Department including Pittsburg, Concord, and West County; and Dan has worked in a variety of assignments that have included misdemeanors, juvenile, felonies and, most recently, as the Probation Calendar deputy and Clean Slate guru; and

WHEREAS, Dan tried to verdict many serious felony and homicide cases, handling those cases with characteristic equanimity combined with tenacity and professionalism in the face of challenging facts and challenging clients; and

WHEREAS, Dan has always been a good friend to fellow staff members and provided needed social lubrication within the Department by arranging many theatrical outings over the years to his beloved regional theatre venues;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County acknowledges and thanks Dan Clark for his dedicated service to the Office of Public Defender, the clients of that office, and the people of the county on the occasion of his retirement as an employee of Contra Costa County.

SUSAN A. BONILLA

Chair,
District IV Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor

GAYLE B. UILKEMA
District II Supervisor

MARY N. PIEPHO
District III Supervisor

FEDERAL D. GLOVER
District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: January 12, 2010

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy