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### **OCBA to Honor Presiding Justice David Sills with Inaugural Award for Appellate Excellence**

**Newport Beach**– On Monday, October 4, 2010, Presiding Justice David Sills will be presented with the first annual David G. Sills Award for Appellate Excellence as he celebrates 20 years as Presiding Justice of the California Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division Three in Santa Ana. Justice Sills has presided over the Court of Appeal as it doubled in size, overcame an inherited case backlog and relocated to a new courthouse.

The Appellate Law Section of the Orange County Bar Association is sponsoring the David G. Sills Award which will be presented annually to a prominent lawyer or jurist for excellence in appellate law. This will be the first award of its kind presented in Orange County.

The presentation will take place at the OCBA Appellate Law Section program, “Celebrating Appellate Excellence” beginning at 6 p.m., which will preview the U.S. Supreme Court’s October 2010 term. The distinguished program panel includes Erwin Chemerinsky, founding Dean and Professor of Law, UCI Law School and John C. Eastman, Professor and Donald P. Kennedy Chair in Law, Chapman University Law School.

The Honorable David Sills was appointed the Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Three, in 1990, by Governor George Deukmejian. Appointed to the Superior Court, in 1985, by Governor George Deukmejian, and served until appointment

to the Court of Appeal. Prior to his appointment, Justice Sills maintained a private law practice from 1965 to 1985.

“Celebrating Appellate Excellence” will take place at the Pacific Club, Newport Beach. Visit [www.ocbar.org](http://www.ocbar.org) to register or for more information.

The Orange County Bar Association, established in 1901, is one of the largest voluntary bars in California with over 7,000 members. The mission of the Orange County Bar Association is to enhance the system of justice, to support the lawyers who serve it and to assist the community served by it.

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