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PRESIDING JUDGE

Honorable John R. Smiley, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California, Ventura County
Hall of Justice, #2120
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philip J. Schmit". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Philip J. Schmit

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