

# Top Story at Santa Clara Law

## Hon. Eugene Hyman and Santa Clara County Superior Court Honored for Public Service by the United Nations

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On June 23, 2008, Eugene Hyman '77, Judge, and the State of California Superior Court for the County of Santa Clara will be honored with The United Nations Public Service Award.

**The United Nations Public Service Award, established in 2003**, is the most prestigious international recognition of excellence in public service. It rewards the creative achievements and contributions of public service institutions that lead to a more effective and responsive public administration in countries worldwide. Through an annual worldwide competition, the UN Public Service Awards promotes the role, professionalism, and visibility of public service.

In 2008, the award was given in three categories—improving transparency, accountability, and responsiveness in the Public Service; improving the delivery of services; and fostering participation in policy-making decisions through innovative mechanisms. Hyman and the Santa Clara Superior Court were the European/North American winners in the first category.

"Santa Clara University School of Law is very proud of our alumnus, Judge Gene Hyman, for the wonderful contributions he and his colleagues on the court have made and for the recognition given by the United Nations," says Donald J. Polden, Dean, Santa Clara Law. "Judge Hyman, over the span of his career, epitomizes the Santa Clara Law graduate—a lawyer of competence, conscience, and compassion."

Appointed to the Santa Clara County Municipal Court in 1990, Judge Hyman was appointed to the superior court for Santa Clara County in 1997. In 1999, he created the Juvenile Delinquency Court for the Domestic Violence and Family Violence programs in Santa Clara County, the first of its kind in the United States. He has served in the community as a member of the Domestic Violence Council, and chaired the Council for the Court Systems Committee. Judge Hyman was a recipient of the Woman's Fund "Man of the Year 1998" in recognition of his work in domestic violence prevention. In 2000, he was awarded the Legal Advocates for Children and Youth Honor for his work with families and children. In 2004, he received the Alumni Special Achievement Award from Santa Clara University School of Law. Judge Hyman has been an adjunct professor at Santa Clara University for more than 15 years, teaching five different courses. He earned his bachelor of arts degree from Claremont Men's College and his law degree from Santa Clara University School of Law in 1977. For extensive information on Judge Hyman, see <http://www.judgehyman.com/>.

In the award letter to Judge Hyman, Guido Bertucci, director of the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, wrote "I am pleased to congratulate your organization on winning the 2008 United Nations Public Service Award in the category of 'Improving transparency, accountability, and responsiveness in the Public Service' for '*Juvenile Delinquency Domestic Violence and Family Violence Court.*' Your outstanding achievement has demonstrated excellence in serving the public interest and I am sure it has made a significant contribution to the improvement of public administration in your country. It should be an inspiration and encouragement for others working for the public service."

At the award workshop, to be held in New York City on June 23, Hyman and the other recipients will make presentations and exchange ideas on public service best practices. After the event, all workshop documents will be posted online at <http://www.unpan.org/Events/PublicServiceDayAwards/tabid/92/Default.aspx>.

### **MORE INFORMATION ON THE AWARD**

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