

# Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DESIGNATING MARCH 11, 2014 AS

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## JOSEPH W. COTCHETT DAY

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WHEREAS, **Joseph W. Cotchett** is one of the preeminent lawyers in San Mateo County and the Nation, having built, over his half century legal career, a well-deserved reputation for extraordinary trial advocacy on behalf of underdogs seeking justice against powerful interests; and

WHEREAS, **Joseph W. Cotchett** recently celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday and he has been a life-long champion for justice both in our County and throughout the United States and his distinguished history of civic involvement has strengthened our community; and

WHEREAS, **Joseph W. Cotchett** is the Senior Partner of **Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy LLP**, a law firm founded by **Joseph W. Cotchett** in 1967 and based here in San Mateo County that is dedicated to the prosecution and defense of socially just actions; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of **Joseph W. Cotchett, Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy** has partnered with the Office of the San Mateo County Counsel to represent the citizens of San Mateo County as plaintiffs in several recent cases involving matters of extraordinary public interest, including the following:

- Litigation resulting in a trial court award of \$1.15 Billion against lead paint manufacturers for lead abatement, with \$57 Million going to San Mateo County.
- Litigation against officers, directors and accountants of Lehman Brothers, in which Directors and Officers settled and paid San Mateo County \$5.2 Million to date.
- Municipal Derivatives Litigation challenging financial institutions' bid rigging practices that artificially depressed San Mateo County's rate of return on Municipal Derivatives, resulting in settlements in excess of \$750,000 paid to the County to date.
- Litigation against financial institutions for their conspiring to fix the LIBOR rate, which is used worldwide to set interest rates.

WHEREAS, **Joseph W. Cotchett and Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy** have provided extensive philanthropic support to diverse causes throughout the County and San Francisco Bay Area, including the Second Harvest Food Bank, Rebuilding Together, Community Gatepath, Hamilton Family Center, San Mateo Legal Aid, St. Anthony's Foundation, KaBoom! ("Playground in a Day"), CORA, Bay Area Lawyers For Individual Freedom, Lawyers' Committee For Civil Rights, NAACP and the Filipino Bar Association of Northern California's fundraiser for Typhoon Haiyan victims.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County, State of California, hereby designates March 11, 2014 as Joseph W. Cotchett Day in San Mateo County.

Dated: March 11, 2014

SUPERVISORS:

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DAVE PINE, PRESIDENT

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DON HORSLEY

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WARREN SLOCUM

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ADRIENNE J. TISSIER

Attest:

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Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors