

SPECIAL SESSION COMMEMORATING THE COURT'S SESQUICENTENNIAL, FEBRUARY 8, 2000, B.F. HASTINGS BUILDING, OLD SACRAMENTO

LEFT TO RIGHT: Justices Ming W. Chin, Marvin R. Baxter and Stanley Mosk, reacting to a speaker at the special session.

In the Corridors of the Supreme Court: Historic Photographs

n the walls of the Supreme Court's private hallways are hundreds of framed photographs and images. In addition to 114 formal portraits — one of each justice - there are group photos of the justices (in chambers and on the bench), and photos memorializing special sessions held throughout the state. Intermixed with these are scenes from San Francisco and Los Angeles in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, copies of the original architectural plans for the Court's current headquarters at 350 McAllister Street in San Francisco, maps, and memorabilia. Most of these items are never seen by members of the public. In this ongoing series, we will share a representative sampling of the Court's historic hallway images and photographs.



B.F. HASTINGS BUILDING, OLD SACRAMENTO, SITE OF CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT 1855-57, 1859-62, 1862-69

On February 8, 2000, the Court held a special session in the courtroom on the second floor of this building, commemorating the Court's sesquicentennial. (For text of the proceedings, see addendum to 22 Cal.4th — Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Supreme Court.)



The California Supreme Court, B.F. Hastings Building, Old Sacramento, 1858

Left to right: Justice Stephen J. Field, Chief Justice David S. Terry, and Justice Joseph G. Baldwin.

The carved brackets supporting the top of the three-justice bench, above, remain evident in the expanded bench, shown in the photo below, taken nearly 150 years later.



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LEFT TO RIGHT: Justices Ming W. Chin, Marvin R. Baxter and Stanley Mosk, Chief Justice Ronald M. George, Justices Joyce L. Kennard, Kathryn M. Werdegar, and Janice R. Brown.