



## **Mission San Juan Capistrano Welcomes Darren O. Aitken to the Mission Preservation Foundation Board**

**San Juan Capistrano, Calif.**, (March 17, 2022) — Longtime San Juan Capistrano resident and Managing Partner of the law firm Aitken Aitken Cohn, Darren O. Aitken was recently named to the board of directors of the Mission Preservation Foundation. The Foundation is committed to providing leadership and raising funds for the care and preservation of Mission San Juan Capistrano.

An Orange County native, Darren Aitken has been a practicing attorney in California since 1989 and with the firm Aitken Aitken Cohn since 1992. He joins an esteemed board of directors representing an array of businesses and philanthropy Orange County.

“Darren is a perfect fit with the preservation board as he cares about the Mission and is committed to ensuring that what we do continues to have a positive impact. As a successful lawyer he brings specialized perspective and experience. As a father of four he appreciates the historic and educational value of the Landmark. We could not be more pleased to have him join us,” says George O’Connell, President and Board Chair, Mission Preservation Foundation.

Upon joining the board Aitken stated, “As a resident of San Juan Capistrano, I have a great passion for the Mission and my children have grown up on and around its grounds. Through the efforts of the Mission Preservation Foundation and the dedicated Mission staff, we will work to ensure that this California jewel is preserved and enhanced for the next generations of Californians.”

Darren resides with his wife Laurie and four children in San Juan Capistrano and has long supported Mission San Juan Capistrano events along with his parents and Mission supporters Wylie and Bette Aitken.

Aitken's practice is limited to civil litigation and he's been recognized and awarded consistently throughout his career for his professional accomplishments. He was named the Orange County Trial Lawyers "Top Gun—Personal Injury Lawyer of the Year" in 2008 and "Super Lawyer" in a vote of his peers by Law & Politics, Inc. from 2005 through 2021. He was one of the Top 50 Orange County lawyers in from 2007 through 2022 and was recently named to the "Top Southern California Personal Injury Attorneys" by the Los Angeles Times in 2022.

For more information about Mission San Juan Capistrano, visit [www.missionsjc.com](http://www.missionsjc.com).

### **About Mission San Juan Capistrano**

Known as the "Jewel of the Missions," Mission San Juan Capistrano is a historic landmark and museum that features exhibits, five-language audio tour, festivals and public programming. As Orange County's only mission, the site is home to Serra Chapel, the Ruins of The Great Stone Church (circa 1796) and original padres' quarters.

Founded on November 1, 1776, by Saint Junipero Serra as the seventh of 21 California missions established by Spain, Mission San Juan Capistrano is owned by the Diocese of Orange and receives no church or state funding. The Mission Preservation Foundation, comprised of business and community leaders, is its fundraising entity committed to ensuring education, preservation and its long-term historic and religious significance.

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