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**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
SELECTS COURT COMMISSIONER
MICHAEL J. RASMUSSEN**



The San Joaquin County Superior Court is pleased to announce the selection of Michael J. Rasmussen as the newest Superior Court Commissioner. Comm. Rasmussen is appointed to the vacancy created by the appointment of Judge Jayne C. Lee.

Comm. Rasmussen joined the San Joaquin District Attorney's Office in 1998 and has over 22 years working as a prosecutor. For the past five years, Comm. Rasmussen supervised the Homicides and Quality of Life Unit in the District Attorney's Office.

Comm. Rasmussen earned his Juris Doctorate from Lincoln Law School and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from California State University, San Jose. Comm. Rasmussen said, "After 22 years of serving as a Deputy District Attorney for San Joaquin County, I am honored to have been appointed Commissioner by the Superior Court of this County. I look forward to the new challenge and the opportunity to serve the citizens of this county now as Court Commissioner."

Presiding Judge Xapuri Villapudua stated, "Comm. Rasmussen's extensive courtroom experience and service to the community will make him a great addition to the bench. He is well

respected by both prosecutors and defense attorneys. We are very pleased to have him join us on the bench.”

A commissioner is an attorney selected by the judges of the court and given power to hear and make decisions concerning certain legal matters, including family and juvenile court cases, as well as criminal, traffic, small claims and unlawful detainer cases.
