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### **Brett H. Morgan appointed to San Joaquin County Superior Court Bench**



Brett H. Morgan

The Judges of the Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin are pleased to announce the appointment of Brett H. Morgan to the position of Superior Court Judge. Mr. Morgan was appointed to the bench this past Thursday by Governor Schwarzenegger to fill the vacancy created by the appointment of Justice William J. Murray Jr. to the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District. Mr. Morgan had this to say about his appointment, "I am honored by Governor Schwarzenegger's appoint to the San Joaquin Superior Court, and it will be my privilege to serve the public, and specifically the people of San Joaquin County, through that appointment."

Mr. Morgan, 49, of Elk Grove, is currently the Chief of Staff for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and was appointed to this position in 2008. As the Chief of Staff for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Mr. Morgan is responsible for setting policy and for all the operations of the Department. Prior to his position as Chief of Staff, Mr. Morgan was the Chief Deputy Inspector General for the Office of Inspector General, the law enforcement agency that oversees the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. He held this post from 2004 to 2008.

Mr. Morgan has spent a significant portion of his career litigating cases. He worked as a law clerk and an associate in the Law Office of James W. Lewis from 1987 to 1989. Between 1989 and 1998, he was a Deputy District Attorney with the Sacramento District Attorney's Office. From 1999 to 2004, he was a Deputy Attorney General and litigated criminal appeals, writs and superior court cases on behalf of the People in state Courts of Appeal, Third and Fifth Districts, and various county superior courts, and state cases on review and habeas corpus matters filed in the United States District Court, Eastern District of California, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Mr. Morgan was admitted to the California State Bar in December 1989. He earned a Juris Doctorate degree from McGeorge School of Law in 1988 and a Bachelor of Science in Social Studies in 1985 from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

Mr. Morgan lived in Sweden and England as a young child. Consequently, he loves to travel in Europe, and most recently was in Switzerland in September for a week. He enjoys running and working out at the gym. He enjoys spending time with this family and refereeing youth soccer.

Mr. Morgan's formal and public swearing in ceremony has yet to be scheduled. Presiding Judge Robin Appel had this to say about Mr. Morgan's appointment, "We are very happy that all of the vacancies on our court are now filled. We welcome Mr. Morgan and look forward to him joining our bench."

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