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Seth R. Hoyt, Jr. appointed to San Joaquin County Superior Court Bench

The Judges of the Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin are pleased to announce the appointment of Seth R. Hoyt, Jr. to the position of Superior Court Judge. Mr. Hoyt was appointed to the bench today by Governor Schwarzenegger to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Cinda Sanchez Fox in January 2010. "I am incredibly honored to have the opportunity to continue my service to the residents of San Joaquin County as a Superior Court Judge. I am grateful for the trust placed in me by Governor Schwarzenegger. It is a privilege to follow in the footsteps of Judge Fox who I consider a mentor and valued friend. She is an outstanding trial judge and our court will miss her dearly. I look forward to helping maintain the excellent reputation that the San Joaquin County Bench has in our community and throughout the state," said Judge Hoyt.

Judge Hoyt, 39, has served as a court commissioner in the Superior Court of San Joaquin County, Stockton Branch, for the past two years, handling misdemeanor, traffic, small claims, civil harassment, and unlawful detainer cases. Prior to his appointment as a commissioner, he served as a deputy district attorney in San Joaquin County for ten years, handling criminal cases in the Homicide/Gang Prosecution Unit. Previously, he was a law clerk for the California Department of Corrections, Legal Affairs Division from 1996 to 1997, where he conducted administrative law hearings in various state prisons, wrote petitions for involuntary medication orders, and performed research for correction law attorneys.

Throughout Judge Hoyt's career, he has worked tirelessly for this county and communities he has lived in and has been an active member of the legal field, holding various leadership roles. Some of the organizations he participated in are as follows: San Joaquin County Attorneys Association; Deputy District Attorney's Association; Peacekeeper Outreach Program; San Joaquin County Gang Task Force; San Joaquin County Bar Association; and The Consuelo M. Callahan Inn of Court. Judge Hoyt has been on the Board of Directors for the Concilio, Council for the Spanish Speaking, since 2008. Judge Hoyt, who is fluent in Spanish, speaks monthly to members of the Spanish speaking community concerning the dangers of driving under the influence.

Judge Hoyt earned his Juris Doctorate Degree from Texas Tech University School of Law in Lubbock, Texas and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Spanish Translation from Brigham Young University in Utah. He graduated from Galt High School.



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Presiding Judge Robin Appel had this to say about Judge Hoyt's appointment to the bench, "On behalf of the entire San Joaquin County bench we are so thrilled that the governor has appointed Seth to this position. He has been an excellent commissioner, is extremely bright and is committed to public service. We know that he will be an excellent judge. The citizens of San Joaquin County will be well served by this appointment."

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