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Gov. Newsom Announces New Appointment to Sacramento Superior Court

Sacramento, CA – Gov. Gavin Newsom on Thursday announced his appointment of 15 Superior Court Judges.

Alin Cinteau, of Sacramento County, has been named to the Sacramento Superior Court where he has served as a commissioner since 2020.

“Alin Cinteau is already a valued member of the Sacramento County bench and the court applauds this announcement,” Presiding Court Judge Michael G. Bowman said.

Currently, Cinteau presides over the felony arraignment and pre-trial release night court calendar. He is also a member of the Sacramento Court Criminal Law Committee and earlier this year was appointed as an advisory member to the Judicial Council.

Prior to joining the Sacramento County bench, Cinteau was a sole practitioner, criminal defense attorney, practicing in the greater Sacramento area from 2013 to 2020. He was a Partner at Dudek, Bonilla & Cinteau LLP from 2012 to 2014 and at Bonilla and Cinteau LLP from 2010 to 2013.

Cinteau previously worked as a deputy district attorney with the Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office from 2005 to 2010. From 2011 to 2013, Cinteau was a professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Northern California, Lorenzo Patiño School of Law.

Cinteau received a B.S. in criminal justice from California State University, Sacramento in 2002. He went on to complete his J.D. at the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in 2005. He was certified by the California State Bar, Board of Legal

Specialization as a Criminal Law Specialist and was named "Attorney of the Year" by the Sacramento County Conflict Criminal Defenders organization in 2017.

"I am thankful and humbled by the trust Gov. Newsom has placed in me, a kid who spoke broken English when he immigrated to the United States 28 years ago," said Cintean. "I am looking forward to serving the Sacramento community in this new role."

His appointment fills a vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Michael Kenny.