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Sacramento Superior Court Welcomes New Court Commissioners

Sacramento, CA –Sacramento Superior Court has welcomed two new members to the bench – Commissioner James O. Morris and Commissioner Benjamin J. Cassady.

Commissioner Morris has been with the court since 2019 as a research attorney and the Criminal Legal Research Manager since 2021. Morris served as Deputy District Attorney for Nevada County from 2016 to 2019, working on misdemeanor and felony hearings and trials. Prior to that, he also worked at a private criminal defense firm, as Deputy District Attorney in Lassen County, and as a Certified Law Clerk at the San Joaquin District Attorney’s Office.

The commissioner holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Economy from UC Berkeley and graduated with a Juris Doctor from Golden Gate University, School of Law in 2013. He was admitted to the state bar in 2014.

“The court has a stellar group of research attorneys and I am excited to see one of these talented individuals joining the bench as a Court Commissioner,” said Presiding Judge-elect Bunmi O. Awoniyi.

Commissioner Cassady comes to the court from the Placer County District Attorney’s Office where he’s worked on misdemeanor hearings and trials since 2021. Cassady worked as an Association for Jones Day in Washington D.C. from 2017 to 2021, handling law and motion and appellate work. He previously clerked for Judge Thomas B. Griffith, a circuit judge in the District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals, and Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. of the United States Supreme Court.

The commissioner holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Government from California State University, Chico and a Juris Doctor from Yale Law School. He was admitted to the state bar in 2013.

Court Commissioners must be active members in good standing with the State Bar of California and admitted to practice law in California. Commissioners may be assigned to hear cases in the following areas of law: criminal, civil, traffic, small claims, family, probate, guardianship, child support, and unlawful detainer.