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Gov. Newsom Announces Two Appointments to Sacramento Superior Court

Sacramento, CA – Gov. Gavin Newsom today announced his appointment of 14 Superior Court Judges.

Named to the Sacramento Superior Court are Shauna Franklin, of Sacramento County, and Julie Weng-Gutierrez, of Yolo County.

“The Court looks forward to these new additions and the breadth of legal experience they will bring to the Sacramento County bench,” Presiding Court Judge Michael G. Bowman said.

Shauna Franklin has served as a Deputy District Attorney at the Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office since 1999, most recently in the Homicide Unit.

Franklin graduated from the University of California, Davis with dual degrees in mathematics and philosophy and earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California College of the Law, San Francisco. She is a co-founder and vice chair of WTA9 – When There Are Nine – a non-profit which seeks to bridge the gap for underrepresented communities in law.

Julie Weng-Gutierrez has served as Chief Counsel at the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control since 2019. She began her state career at the New Motor Vehicle Board, then transferred to the Department of Health Care Services in 1997 before she was hired as a Deputy Attorney General at the Department of Justice in 2000. From 2000 to 2019, she served in several roles including Senior Assistant Attorney General and Supervising Deputy Attorney General.

Weng-Gutierrez served as Staff Counsel at the California Department of Health Services from 1997 to 2000 and was a sole practitioner from 1996 to 1997. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, Law and Society from University of California,

Davis and Juris Doctor degree from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law where she served as an Adjunct Professor teaching classes in appellate advocacy from 2003 to 2009.

In 2011, she received the California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award and was also honored by the Orange County Hispanic Bar Association with the Guardian de Justicia Award that same year.

Both appointees fill vacancies of new positions created on July 1, 2022.