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Sacramento Superior Court Commissioner Clark Appointed to Juvenile Law Curriculum Committee

Sacramento, CA — Sacramento Superior Court Commissioner Marlene E. Clark has been appointed to serve as a member of the Judicial Council of California's Juvenile Law Curriculum Committee.

Curriculum committees make recommendations to the Center for Judicial Education and Research advisory committee about proposed curriculum in their subject area of expertise. The advisory committee evaluates and votes on the curriculum committees' recommendations before making recommendations to the Judicial Council.

Commissioner Clark is one of 11 new appointments to the Juvenile Law Curriculum Committee by Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero. She will serve a two-year term, effective Sept. 15, 2023.

"As I embark on my new role as Chief Justice and chair of the Judicial Council, I am learning a great deal about the meaningful work that the education curriculum committees are engaging in to help shape the future of judicial education and ensure that it aligns with the evolving needs of the people of California," the Chief Justice wrote to Commissioner Clark about her appointment. "I value your participation and am grateful for your willingness to serve on this important committee."

Commissioner Clark joined the Sacramento Superior Court bench in July 2004. Since that time, she has presided over Dependency Drug Court and Early Intervention Family Drug Court, Juvenile Drug Court and Truancy calendars.

The Commissioner is currently assigned to a dependency home court calendar, presiding over dependency and juvenile justice cases as assigned. She also chairs the court's Juvenile Dependency Local Rules Committee.

“The Sacramento Superior Court bench applauds the appointment of Commissioner Clark to the Juvenile Law Curriculum Committee,” Presiding Judge Michael G. Bowman said. “Her experience and insight will be valuable when recommending training for judicial officers and others.”

Prior to joining the Sacramento County bench, Commissioner Clark worked as Supervising Attorney at Sacramento Child Advocates Inc. (1999 to 2004). She previously worked in private practice specializing in juvenile, delinquency and dependency cases (1991 to 1992, 1994 to 1998), as an Associate Attorney at the Law Offices of Dale S. Wilson (1992 to 1994) and as a criminal law professor at Sacramento State University (1998 to 1999) and Sierra Community College (1993).

Commissioner Clark received a B.S. in criminal justice from California State University, Sacramento in 1988. She went on to complete her J.D. at the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in 1991.

“I am deeply honored and appreciative to be selected by Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero to serve as a member of the Judicial Council Juvenile Law Curriculum Committee,” said Commissioner Clark. “I look forward to working alongside my juvenile court colleagues to bring interesting and informative educational opportunities to judicial officers throughout our state.”