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Sacramento Superior Court Welcomes New Court Commissioners

Sacramento, CA – Four new Court Commissioners recently joined Sacramento Superior Court.

“This is truly a diverse group,” Presiding Court Judge Michael G. Bowman said. “The addition of these Commissioners and their diverse skill sets will assist the bench in continuing to meet the judicial needs of Sacramento County’s residents.”

Commissioner Alicia D. Hartley took the judicial oath of office at Sacramento Superior Court on Sept. 26, 2022.

Prior to joining the bench, Commissioner Hartley worked as a Sacramento County Public Defender for nearly 19 years. Commissioner Hartley received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of California, Davis and her Juris Doctor from McGeorge School of Law. She was admitted to the state bar in 2003.

Commissioners Martin Tejeda and Robert Artuz both took the judicial oath of office this week on Nov. 7, 2022.

Prior to joining the bench, Commissioner Tejeda worked as a defense attorney out of his own law practice since 2005. Commissioner Tejeda received a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and his Juris Doctor from McGeorge School of Law. He was admitted to the state bar in 2000.

Commissioner Artuz joined the bench from the U.S. Attorney’s Office, where he worked from 2017 to 2022 and a civil litigator before that. Commissioner Artuz received a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic

Institute, a Master's degree in Manufacturing Systems Engineering from Stanford University, and Juris Doctor from Santa Clara University School of Law. He was admitted to the state bar in 2003.

Commissioner Jaya Badiga is scheduled to take the judicial oath of office on Dec. 5, 2022.

Commissioner Badiga opened her own family law practice in 2018 after working in non-profit, government and private organizations as an attorney. Commissioner Badiga has a Joint Master's degree in International Relations and International Communications from Boston University and a Juris Doctor degree from Santa Clara University. She was admitted to the state bar in 2009.

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.