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## Gov. Newsom Announces Appointment to Sacramento Superior Court

Sacramento, CA — Gov. Gavin Newsom on Monday announced the appointment of nine new California superior court judges.

Stephen Lau, 47, of Placer County has been named to the Sacramento Superior Court.

“The Court welcomes the appointment of Stephen Lau and looks forward to him joining the Sacramento County bench,” Presiding Court Judge Michael G. Bowman said.

Lau has served as General Counsel at the Sacramento County Employees’ Retirement System since 2019. He served as Assistance General Counsel at the California Department of Business Oversight from 2014 to 2019.

Lau held several roles at Mennemeier Glassman & Stroud LLP from 2003 to 2014, including Partner, Of Counsel and Associate. He served as Law Clerk for the Honorable William B. Shubb at the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California from 2002 to 2003.

Lau earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Davis School of Law. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Russell L. Hom.

Superior court judges serve six-year terms and are elected by county voters on a nonpartisan ballot at a general election. Vacancies are filled through appointment by the Governor. A superior court judge must have been an attorney admitted to practice law in California or have served as a judge of a court of record in this state for at least 10 years immediately preceding election or appointment.

Superior courts have trial jurisdiction over all criminal and civil cases.