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Sacramento Superior Court to Offer Temporary Judge Training

Sacramento, CA – Sacramento Superior Court will offer training next month for those interested in volunteering for the bench's Temporary Judge Program.

Through this program, the court maintains a panel of trained, qualified, and experienced attorneys who volunteer time to serve as temporary judges in the areas of Family Law, Small Claims, and Traffic. The Bench Conduct & Demeanor Training is part of mandatory training to become a temporary judge.

"Participating in the Temporary Judge Program is one of my most rewarding career experiences," said Commissioner Jaya Badiga, who volunteered for the Temporary Judge Program for three-and-a-half years before joining the Sacramento Superior Court bench. "Even if you don't have judicial aspirations, the experience you gain from working first-hand with self-represented litigants is invaluable."

To participate for the Temporary Judge Program, volunteers must be a member of the State Bar of California for at least 10 years. Volunteers apply for the program and must complete training in Bench Conduct and Demeanor, Ethics and Substantive Matter prior to being appointed to serve.

A session on Bench Conduct & Demeanor Training is set for 1:30-4:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 15, 2023 at the Gordon D. Schaber Courthouse. Those who register have the option to participate by Zoom.

Several participants in the court's Temporary Judge Program have gone on to serve the bench as judicial officers.

"I participated in the Temporary Judge Program so I could be exposed to different areas of the law," said Commissioner Alin Cintean, who volunteered as a temporary judge for nearly three years before joining the Sacramento Superior Court bench. "It was a great

opportunity to understand what it is like to work as a judicial officer without having to switch careers."

Those interested in learning more about and applying for the Sacramento Superior Court Temporary Judge Program, may visit the court's website at https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/general/temporary-judge.aspx.