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Sacramento Superior Court Commissioner Cintean Appointed to Judicial Council

Sacramento, CA — Sacramento Superior Court Commissioner Alin D. Cintean has been appointed as an advisory member to the Judicial Council.

Commissioner Cintean is one of six new advisory, non-voting members and three new voting members recently appointed to the Judicial Council by Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero. Four voting members were also reappointed.

"The council consists of judges, court executives, attorneys, and legislators who volunteer their time to help make the court system consistent, impartial, and accessible," the Chief Justice said in a statement. "I thank our members for their dedication and service to the people of California."

Commissioner Cintean joined the Sacramento Superior Court bench in August 2020. Since that time, he has presided over multiple calendars including traffic arraignments and trials, unlawful detainers, small claims, and misdemeanor settlement conferences.

Currently, Commissioner Cintean presides over the felony arraignment and pre-trial release night court calendar. He is also a member of the Sacramento Court Criminal Law Committee, which is tasked with reviewing and analyzing new developments in criminal law, developing best practices for judges and court personnel, and providing education and training.

"Commissioner Cintean brings with him years of valuable legal experience to the Judicial Council and the Sacramento Superior Court bench applauds this appointment," Presiding Judge Michael G. Bowman said.

Prior to joining the Sacramento County bench, Commissioner Cintean was a sole practitioner, criminal defense attorney, practicing in the greater Sacramento area. His other private sector work included practicing as a partner at Dudek & Cintean, LLP (2012 to 2015) and Bonilla & Cintean, LLP (2010 to 2013).

Commissioner Cintean previously worked as a deputy district attorney with the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office. During his tenure there, he prosecuted several serious cases to trial and held assignments in various units of the office including felony trials, juvenile justice and Superior Court Review.

Cintean has also taught as a professor of Constitutional Law at Lorenzo Patino School of Law.

Commissioner Cintean received a B.S. in criminal justice from California State University, Sacramento in 2002. He went on to complete his J.D. at the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in 2005. He was certified by the California State Bar, Board of Legal Specialization as a Criminal Law Specialist and was named "Attorney of the Year" by the Sacramento County Conflict Criminal Defenders organization in 2017.

Commissioner Cintean begins a three-year term with the Judicial Council starting Sept. 15, 2023.

"I am honored and deeply humbled to be selected by Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero to serve as an advisory member of the California Judicial Council," he said. "I rely on the experience of all my colleagues on the Sacramento Court, and of those who have come before me, to guide me in the important work of the Judicial Council."