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## Sacramento Superior Court Hosts Historical LGBTQ+ Panel Discussion

Sacramento, CA — Sacramento Superior Court this week hosted an educational panel discussion for its judicial officers, court staff and bailiffs on how to better serve the LGBTQ+ community.

The history-making panel featured Sacramento Superior Court Judge Andi Mudryk, Santa Clara Superior Court Judge Jessica Delgado, Alameda Superior Court Judge Victoria Kolakowski and San Francisco Superior Judge Linda Colfax. Sacramento County supervising public defender Mark Slaughter served as moderator.

The panel, broadcast via Zoom, was the first time in history that California's two transgender Superior Court judges have spoken on the same panel about LGBTQ+ issues, said Judge Kolakowski.

The hour-long discussion took place on Thursday, Oct. 13 in recognition of National Coming Out Day 2022. National Coming Out Day is an annual LGBT awareness day observed to support lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in "coming out of the closet."

The panel was presented by the Sacramento Superior Court's Community Engagement and Fairness Committee which strives to eliminate inequities, disparities and biases in the court system. The goal: to better service Sacramento County's diverse community and ensure all people feel welcomed, valued and included at Sacramento Superior Court.

The LGBTQ+ panel discussion topics included personal experiences with bias, gender expression, gendered language and more, based on questions submitted anonymously by court employees.

The Community Engagement and Fairness Committee previously hosted a disabilities workshop for its employees.