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**SACRAMENTO, YOLO, AND EL DORADO SUPERIOR COURTS LAUNCH JUDICIAL MENTOR PROGRAM IN COLLABORATION WITH THE STATEWIDE CALIFORNIA JUDICIAL MENTOR PROGRAM**

Sacramento Superior Court Presiding Judge Russell L. Hom, Yolo Superior Court Daniel P. Maguire, and El Dorado Superior Court Presiding Judge Suzanne Kingsbury announced the first of its kind California Judicial Mentor Program in this region in collaboration with the Office of Governor Gavin Newsom. The program is modeled after a similar recently-launched program in Los Angeles and will connect mentor judges with attorneys to increase the applicant pool for new judges. The program intends to bring the state closer to Governor Newsom and the judicial branch's shared goal of appointing highly capable judges reflective of the rich diversity of the state. "We look forward to working with Governor Newsom's Judicial Appointments Secretary Luis Céspedes to increase the pool of applicants seeking judicial appointments. We share Governor Newsom's commitment to a diverse and inclusive judiciary," Presiding Judge Hom said.

The program pairs attorneys committed to public service with judges who will help demystify the judicial appointment process, answer questions about the judicial application, and suggest new experiences to improve the applicant's skills.

The program will work with local bar associations, nonprofit legal organizations, government lawyers, law firms, and solo practitioners to identify and encourage promising judicial candidates to apply for appointment. The program is designed to increase the applicant pool of candidates by connecting lawyers with mentor judges who understand the judicial selection process and who can provide guidance to those seeking to become judges in California.

To learn more about the program and apply for a mentor, visit the Sacramento Superior Court's website <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/> and look under "Quick Links."