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Gov. Newsom Announces Appointment to the Sacramento Superior Court

Sacramento, CA—Gov. Gavin Newsom recently announced Martin Tejeda's appointment to the Sacramento Superior Court bench.

"Martin Tejeda's appointment to the bench is a testament to his commitment to justice and his exceptional skill in navigating the complexities of the legal system," Sacramento Superior Court Presiding Judge Bunmi O. Awoniyi said.

Tejeda, of Yolo County, has served as a Commissioner at the Sacramento Superior Court since November 2022.

"Throughout his time as commissioner, he has been an invaluable asset, expertly managing some of our most challenging calendars with grace and dedication," Awoniyi added. "His extensive experience in criminal law will undoubtedly continue to be a vital asset to our court, ensuring fairness and integrity in every decision he makes."

Prior to joining the bench, Tejeda worked as a defense attorney out of his own law practice from 2005 to 2022. He previously served as a Deputy Public Defender at the Sacramento Public Defender's Office from 2001 to 2004 and as an attorney at the Law Office of James Kuppenbender from 2000 to 2001.

Tejeda received a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and his Juris Doctor from McGeorge School of Law. He was admitted to the state bar in 2000.

Tejeda took the judicial oath on May 8, 2025, filling the vacancy created by Judge Dena Coggins's appointment to the Federal Court.