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Governor Appoints New Superior Court Judge

MODESTO, CA- On October 5, 2023, Governor Newsom announced the appointment of Judge David Hood to serve as a judge in the Stanislaus County Superior Court.

He has served as a judge in the Merced County Superior Court since 2023 and previously served as a Legal Research Attorney at the Stanislaus County Superior Court from 2022 to 2023. He served as a Deputy County Counsel at the Merced County Counsel's Office from 2019 to 2022. He served as a Senior Research Attorney at the Orange County Superior Court from 2013 to 2019, where he was a Coordinating Attorney from 2009 to 2013 and a Research Attorney from 2005 to 2009. Judge Hood was Associate Counsel at the Law Offices of Kevin McGowen from 2002 to 2005. He worked as a Legal Assistant at various temporary agencies from 1992 to 2002 and was an Associate at Goldberg, Stinnett & MacDonald in 1991 and at Martin, Ryan & Andrada in 1990.

Assistant Presiding Judge Sonny Sandhu expressed his enthusiasm for Judge Hood's appointment, stating, "We are extremely pleased with Governor Newsom's decision to appoint Judge Hood as the newest member to our esteemed bench. With an impeccable record of legal expertise and dedication to justice, Judge Hood brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our judicial team. His impressive career and unwavering commitment to the law make Judge Hood a valuable addition to our judicial community."

Judge Hood will take the oath of office on Monday, October 9, 2023.

Judge Hood earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of San Diego School of Law. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Ricardo Córdova.

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