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Governor Appoints New Superior Court Judge

MODESTO, CA - On January 29, 2024, Governor Newsom announced the appointment of Saul Garcia to serve as a Judge in the Stanislaus County Superior Court.

Mr. Garcia has served as a Supervising Deputy Public Defender at the San Joaquin County Public Defender's Office since 2022 and was a Deputy Public Defender there from 2019 to 2022. He served as a Deputy Public Defender at the Stanislaus County Public Defender's Office from 2004 to 2019 and was a Directing Attorney at California Rural Legal Assistance Inc. from 1999 to 2004. Garcia was Executive Director at the Central Coast Citizenship Project from 1997 to 1999 and a Staff Attorney at California Rural Legal Assistance Inc. from 1995 to 1997. He earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Davis School of Law.

Presiding Judge Carrie Stephens is very pleased by the Governor's decision to appoint Judge Garcia, stating, "Judge Garcia brings a wealth of experience to our judicial team. He is a respected member of the legal community in both Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties and has served these communities extraordinarily well for many years. We look forward to seeing Judge Garcia continue his public service on our bench."

Upon his appointment, Mr. Garcia stated, "I am honored and excited for this opportunity to return home to Stanislaus County and once again work with my old friends and colleagues. I am extremely grateful to the Governor, and all the support I received from the Stanislaus County and San Joaquin County Bar and Bench to get here. I look forward to serving this great community that has given my family and I so much."

Mr. Garcia will take the oath of office on Monday, February 26, 2024. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Jack M. Jacobson.

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