



News Release

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SUPERIOR COURT SELECTS ASSISTANT PRESIDING JUDGE

The Honorable Colette M. Humphrey, Presiding Judge, announced the judges' unanimous selection of Judge J. Eric Bradshaw as the next Assistant Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Kern. Judge Bradshaw will assume his new duties January 1, 2022. He succeeds Judith K. Dulcich, current Assistant Presiding Judge who has completed a four-year leadership term as Assistant Presiding and Presiding Judge of the Superior Court.

"Judge Bradshaw is an experienced jurist who has demonstrated his leadership ability during the past 12 years he has served on the bench," said Presiding Judge Humphrey. "He has experience in many different assignments including both criminal and civil divisions, which will serve him well as he takes a leadership position with the court. Judge Bradshaw is well respected by his fellow jurists, and we look forward to working with him in his upcoming tenure as Assistant Presiding Judge and Presiding Judge."

Judge Bradshaw was born and raised in Bakersfield. He graduated from West High School. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and Political Science at California State University Chico and graduated with his Juris Doctorate from California Western School of Law, San Diego, California in 1984. He was a civil practitioner in Bakersfield, CA for 22 years, emphasizing civil litigation and business transactions. He was a partner with the law firm of Noriega and Bradshaw LLP from 1992 to 2008. Judge Bradshaw is the third of four generations of California lawyers: Grandfather, William L. Bradshaw, Judge, Kern County Superior Court; Father, Richard W. Bradshaw, formerly Asst. District Attorney and Judge pro tem, Kern County; and, Niece, Kristin O'Connor, securities litigator in San Diego, CA.

Appointed to the Superior Court of California in 2008, Judge Bradshaw's assignments have been varied. They have included felony, misdemeanor, traffic, family law, civil limited and unlimited cases, civil writs, CEQA, and assignments to multi-divisional courts. Judge Bradshaw is quoted, "Over the past twelve plus years, I have had the good fortune of serving among a group of excellent judicial officers, with a talented, hard-working court executive team and staff. I have enjoyed working with the lawyers in this community all my professional life. I look forward to this new role and challenge with some degree of humility, mindful of the Kern County Superior Court's tradition of quality leadership."

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