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Michael Caves Receives Fulbright Specialist Award

Michael Arthur Caves of the Superior Court of California, County of Kern has received a [Fulbright Specialist Program](#) (FSP) award from the U.S. Department of State and the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. Judge Caves will conduct a variety of educational and training activities within the field of law at National Law University of Odisha in India.

Judge Caves is one of more than 400 U.S. citizens who share their expertise with institutions abroad through the FSP each year. The FSP sends U.S. faculty, administrators, and professionals to serve as short-term experts at institutions around the world, where they address critical global issues while building relationships, expertise, and leadership in support of the long-term interests of the United States. Recipients are selected based on their academic and professional achievements, demonstrated leadership in their field, and their potential to foster long-term cooperation between institutions in the United States and abroad.

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to build lasting connections between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. The Fulbright Program is funded through an annual appropriation made by the U.S. Congress to the U.S. Department of State. Participating governments and foreign receiving institutions, corporations, and foundations around the world also provide direct and indirect support to the Program, which operates in over 160 countries.

The Fulbright Program was established in 1946 as a bold investment in global peace and American prosperity through educational and cultural exchange, and marks its 80th anniversary in 2026. Coinciding with America's 250th anniversary commemoration, the Program's 80th milestone reflects America's enduring legacy of leadership, innovation, international collaboration, and excellence.

For 80 years, the Fulbright Program has given more than 400,000 exceptional Americans and participants from 160 countries opportunities to study, teach, conduct cutting-edge research, advance critical industries, and develop solutions to shared international concerns. Fulbright alumni have achieved distinction in many fields, including 60 Nobel laureates, 93 Pulitzer Prize winners, 83 MacArthur fellows, 46 heads of state or government, and countless leaders in all sectors and industries across the United States and around the world.

For further information about the Fulbright Program, please visit www.fulbrightprogram.org. Press inquiries may be directed to the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Press Office at ECA-Press@state.gov.

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