



News Release

Superior Court of California, County of Kern

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SUPERIOR COURT APPOINTS NEW COURT COMMISSIONER

The Kern County Superior Court is pleased to announce the appointment a new Court Commissioner. Court Commissioners are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Judges of the Superior Court. They act as temporary judges presiding over cases, exercising the same powers and duties as a Superior Court Judge.

Mr. Keenan Perkins has been appointed to preside over cases in the Traffic Division. He began working for the Court July 31, 2023 as the Calendar Coverage and Legal Research Attorney. Mr. Perkins worked as a juvenile temporary judge in both dependency and delinquency matters and a judge pro tem for certification review hearings and capacity/Riese hearings for Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services. Mr. Perkins operated his own law practice from 2012 to 2023. Prior to that, he worked for more than four years with the Kern County Public Defender's Office. He also spent time in business and civil litigation at the law office of Thomas Anton & Associates.

Mr. Perkins obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration from California State University, Bakersfield and graduated with his Juris Doctor from Southwestern University School of Law.

He will assume his duties effective Monday, September 18, 2023 in Division T-1.

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