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Superior Court of California, County of Kern

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NEW PRESIDING JUDGE

Honorable J. Eric Bradshaw has assumed the role of Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Kern. Judge Bradshaw was unanimously selected Assistant Presiding Judge in 2021. He transitioned from Assistant Presiding Judge to Presiding Judge, January 1, 2023. He succeeds Judge Colette M. Humphrey, current Assistant Presiding Judge, who has completed a four-year leadership term as Assistant Presiding and Presiding Judge of the Superior Court.

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 Doctor degree from California Western School of Law, San Diego in 1984. He was a civil practitioner in Bakersfield 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.

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. He now presides over Department 1.

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