



# News Release

## Superior Court of California, County of Kern

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### THREE NEW SUPERIOR COURT APPOINTMENTS

The Kern County Superior Court is pleased to announce three new judicial appointments.

Stephanie Renee Childers has been appointed to serve as a Judge in the Kern County Superior Court. Childers has been a Sole Practitioner since 1996. She earned a Juris Doctor degree from the California Pacific School of Law.

She fills the seat of retired Judge Craig Phillips.

Dawn Bittleston has been appointed to serve as a Judge in the Kern County Superior Court. Bittleston has served as a Commissioner at the Kern County Superior Court since 2018. She served as a Senior Attorney at the Kern County Superior Court from 2016 to 2017 and was a Sole Practitioner from 2006 to 2016. Bittleston was Of Counsel at the Law Office of Young Wooldrige from 2011 to 2013, a Partner at Klein, DeNatale, Goldner, Copper, Rosenlieb and Kimball LLP from 2001 to 2006 and a Sole Practitioner from 2000 to 2001. She was an Associate at Bryan Cave LLP from 1998 to 2000. She earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Southern California School of Law.

She fills the seat of a new position created on July 1, 2022.

Marcus Cuper has been appointed to serve as a Judge in the Kern County Superior Court. Cuper has served as a Deputy District Attorney at the Kern County District Attorney's Office since 2008. He earned a Juris Doctor degree from Southwestern Law School.

He fills the seat of retired Judge Robert S. Tafoya.

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