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GOVERNOR APPOINTS NEW JUDGES TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY

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On July 1, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the appointments of Commissioner Walter H. Kubelun, Commissioner Joshlyn R. Pulliam, Mona M. Nemat, and Jerry C. Yang to vacant judgeships in the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside.

Commissioner Walter H. Kubelun, 59, of Lake Forest has been appointed to serve as a Judge in the Riverside County Superior Court. Commissioner Kubelun has served as a Commissioner at the Riverside County Superior Court since 2007. He was a Deputy District Attorney at the Riverside County District Attorney's Office from 2000 to 2007 and a Senior Litigation Associate at LaFollette, Johnson, DeHaas, Fesler and Ames from 1995 to 2000. Commissioner Kubelun was a Litigation Associate at Bonne, Bridges, Mueller, O'Keefe and Nichols from 1991 to 1994 and at Wehner and Perlman from 1994 to 1995. He earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of San Diego School of Law. Commissioner Kubelun fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge James T. Latting.

Commissioner Joshlyn R. Pulliam, 44, of Rancho Cucamonga, has been appointed to serve as a Judge in the Riverside County Superior Court. She has served as a Deputy District Attorney at the Riverside County District Attorney's Office since 2007. Commissioner Pulliam was a Paralegal Instructor at ICDC College in 2007. She earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Southern California School of Law. Commissioner Pulliam fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge David M. Chapman.

Mona M. Nemat, 46, of Corona has been appointed to serve as a Judge in the Riverside County Superior Court. Ms. Nemat has been a Partner at Best Best & Krieger since 2022. She was a Shareholder at the Law Office of Brissman & Nemat from 2013 to 2022 and a Partner at Best Best & Krieger from 2007 to 2013. Ms. Nemat was an Associate at McCormick Kidman & Behrens LLP from 2004 to 2007. She earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Davis School of Law. Ms. Nemat fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Roger A. Luebs.

Jerry C. Yang, 42, of Hacienda Heights, has been appointed to serve as a Judge in the Riverside County Superior Court. Mr. Yang has served as Chief of the Riverside Office at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California since 2020, as a Deputy Chief of the Riverside Office from 2016 to 2020, and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney since 2008. Mr. Yang was an Associate at Best Best & Krieger from 2005 to 2008. He earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law. Mr. Yang fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Lewis Jackson Lucky.

A state Judicial Needs Assessment has found that the Riverside Superior Court is in dire need of judgeships to help process the growing caseloads in its communities. The filling of these vacancies by Commissioner Kubelun, Commissioner Pulliam, Ms. Nemat, and Mr. Yang will greatly assist the Court's goal in continuing to provide access to justice for court litigants.

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