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## GOVERNOR APPOINTS NEW JUDGES TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY

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### **RIVERSIDE COUNTY:**

On July 20, 2018, Governor Edmund G. Brown announced the appointments of Commissioner Jennifer R. Gerard and Timothy J. Hollenhorst to vacant judgeships in the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside.

Commissioner Jennifer R. Gerard, 42, of Yorba Linda, has been appointed to a judgeship in the Riverside County Superior Court. Commissioner Gerard has served as a commissioner at the Riverside County Superior Court since 2017. She served as an attorney at the Riverside County Minors' Counsel Panel and Adoption Panel from 2012 to 2017 and was a sole practitioner practicing family law and criminal defense from 2006 to 2017. Commissioner Gerard was an attorney at the Los Angeles Criminal Appellate Project from 2010 to 2017 and a contract attorney at VMB Attorneys from 2013 to 2016. She was an attorney at the Juvenile Defense Panel from 2006 to 2013 and served as a deputy district attorney at the Riverside County District Attorney's Office from 2003 to 2006. Commissioner Gerard earned a Juris Doctor degree from the Western State University College of Law and Master of Arts and Bachelor of Arts degrees from Chapman University. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Gloria C. Trask.

Timothy J. Hollenhorst, 41, of Riverside, has been named to an interim appointment for a judgeship in the Riverside County Superior Court. Hollenhorst has served as a deputy district attorney at the Riverside County District Attorney's Office since 2004. He earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Kansas School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Hollenhorst was elected in June, 2018 to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge James A. Cox. The Governor's appointment allows him to immediately assume the position he was otherwise elected to begin in January, 2019.

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 Gerard and Mr. Hollenhorst will greatly assist the Court's goal in continuing to provide access to justice for court litigants.

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