

## PRESS RELEASE

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## SAN BERNARDINO SUPERIOR COURT WELCOMES NEW JUDGE

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R. Glenn Yabuno Presiding Judge

Anabel Z. Romero Court Executive Officer **SAN BERNARDINO, CA**— On August 18, 2023, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the appointment of Nicole Quintana Winter to serve as a Judge in San Bernardino Superior Court (SBSC).

The Governor's office released the following statements:

Nicole Quintana Winter, of San Bernardino County, has been appointed to serve as a Judge in the San Bernardino Superior Court. Winter has served as a Senior Assistant Inspector General at the Office of the Inspector General since 2023 and served in several roles there since 2020, including acting Senior Assistant Inspector General and Special Assistant Inspector General. She served as an Attorney in the California Labor Commissioner's Office from 2018 to 2020 and as a Tax Counsel at the State Board of Equalization from 2017 to 2018. Winter served as an Assistant Chief Counsel at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement from 2016 to 2017 and was a Sole Practitioner from 2014 to 2015. She was a Partner at Gaspard Castillo Winter Harper APC from 2013 to 2014 and a Deputy District Attorney at the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office from 2001 to 2012. Winter earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Southern California School of Law. Winter fills the vacancy of a new position created on July 1, 2022.

"We are enthusiastic with the Governor's appointment and look forward to filling critical vacancies within our county," said Presiding Judge R. Glenn Yabuno. "Judge Quintana Winter will be a tremendous asset to our bench."

SBSC has five judicial vacancies and an assessed overall need of 30 judicial officers – the highest judicial need in California. Fulfilling this need is critical to restoring public confidence in the judicial system and expanding access to justice.

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