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SAN BERNARDINO SUPERIOR COURT WELCOMES NEW JUDGE

SAN BERNARDINO, CA— On May 3, 2024, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the appointment of Deputy District Attorney Kathleen Curtis to serve as a Judge in the San Bernardino Superior Court (SBSC).

The Governor's office released the following statements: Kathleen Curtis, of San Bernardino County, has been appointed to serve as a Judge in the San Bernardino County Superior Court. Curtis has served as a Deputy District Attorney at the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office since 2012. She earned a Juris Doctor degree from the American University, Washington College of Law and a Master of Public Administration degree from California State University, San Bernardino. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Lorenzo R. Balderrama.

"The appointment of Kathleen Curtis is a much-needed addition to the San Bernardino bench and is another step to filling the critical judicial vacancies within our county," said Presiding Judge Lisa M. Rogan.

SBSC has an assessed overall need of 30 additional judicial officers, including three authorized and funded vacancies – 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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> Lisa M. Rogan Presiding Judge

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