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### **FORMAL ENROBEMENT CEREMONY FOR JUDGE MARINE DERMADZHIAN**

Presiding Judge Kevin G. DeNoce announces the formal enrobement ceremony for Judge Marine Dermadzhyan to take place on Friday, October 27, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in Courtroom 22 of the Hall of Justice in Ventura. The ceremony will be open to the public, elected officials, local bar association, and representatives of Court-related County departments. The press is invited to attend and to take photographs during this special ceremonial proceeding.

Presiding Judge Kevin G. DeNoce and Assistant Presiding Judge Matthew P. Guasco will lead the ceremony. The oath of office will be administered by Presiding Judge Kevin G. DeNoce. Judge Dermadzhyan's family members will assist with the enrobing. Scheduled speakers include Supervising Criminal Judge Ryan J. Wright; Ventura County Supervisor/Chair Matt LaVere; Ventura County Bar Association President-elect Josh S. Hopstone; field representatives from the offices of Senator Monique Limon, Congresswoman Julia Brownley, and Assemblymember Steve Bennett, respectively; and attorney and friend, Amber Lee.

Judge Dermadzhyan was appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 28, 2023, and she took the bench on August 7, 2023. She filled the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge John R. Smiley in 2022. Judge Dermadzhyan is assigned to Department 26 where she hears criminal trials.

Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Dermadzhyan served as a Deputy District Attorney at the Ventura County District Attorney's Office beginning in 2014. She also worked as a Deputy District Attorney at the Tulare County District Attorney's Office from 2013 to 2014 and served as a Law Clerk at the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office from 2012 to 2013.

Judge Dermadzhyan earned a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Lamar University and a Juris Doctor degree from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles.

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