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## **GOVERNOR APPOINTS JOANN JOHNSON TO SUPERIOR COURT JUDGESHIP**

Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., announced today the appointment of JoAnn Johnson to a judgeship in the Ventura Superior Court. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Donald Coleman in April of this year.

Judge Johnson will be sworn into her new position later today. The date of her formal installation ceremony will be announced in the near future.

Judge Johnson has been a Commissioner with the Ventura Superior Court since January 2010, hearing family law, child support and domestic violence matters.

Previously, she was a Supervising Court Attorney with the Ventura Superior Court Family Law Self-Help Center from 2002 to 2010. Prior to that, she was the sole practitioner in the Law Offices of JoAnn Johnson from 1993 to 2002. Her primary areas of practice included civil law, as well as bankruptcy and worker's compensation.

Judge Johnson is a former director for the Family Law Bar Association and the Family Law Facilitator's Association. She has served on several statewide committees associated with the California Judicial Council, including the Domestic Violence Task Force. She is a frequent presenter at various Judicial Council sponsored trainings for facilitators and AB 1058 commissioners. She has been an adjunct professor for summer family law courses at the Ventura and Santa Barbara Colleges of Law since 2003.

Judge Johnson earned her Juris Doctorate degree from Ventura College of Law and a certificate in mediation from the Straus Institute at Pepperdine University.