



Superior Court of California

COUNTY OF VENTURA
Hall of Justice
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Michael D. Planet
Executive Officer/Clerk
and Jury Commissioner

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: December 22, 2017

Contact: Robert Sherman
Assistant Executive Officer
(805) 289-8514

GOVERNOR APPOINTS BENJAMIN F. COATS TO SUPERIOR COURT JUDGESHIP

Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., announced today the appointment of Benjamin F. Coats to a judgeship in the Ventura Superior Court. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Colleen Toy White in October of this year.

Judge Coats will be sworn in to his new position in the next several days. The date of his formal installation ceremony will be announced in the near future.

Judge Coats has been a partner at Engle Carobini and Coats LLP since 2007. Prior to that, he was a partner at Engle and Bride from 2005 to 2006, where he was an associate from 1998 to 2005. He was an associate at Belsher and Becker from 1995 to 1998, a planning consultant at Rogoway Planning Group from 1995 to 1998 and a trial attorney at Early Maslach from 1989 to 1994.

Judge Coats earned his law degree from the John F. Kennedy University College of Law and his Bachelor degree from the University of California, Los Angeles.

###