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GOVERNOR APPOINTS PAUL BAELLY TO SUPERIOR COURT JUDGESHIP

Governor Gavin Newsom recently announced the interim appointment of Judge-elect Paul W. Baelly to a judgeship in the Ventura Superior Court. The interim appointment authorizes him to begin his judicial duties immediately, rather than upon the official start of his term of office next January.

Judge Baelly was elected to the Superior Court bench on March 3, 2020, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Kent Kellegrew, whose term expires at the end of this year.

Most recently, Judge Baelly had been a Commissioner with the Ventura Superior Court since December 2017. Before that, he was a Deputy Public Defender with the Ventura County Public Defender's Office since 2006, a Deputy Public Defender with the Kern County Public Defender's Office and an attorney with the law firm Stephen Von Till & Associates.

Judge Baelly is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and earned his law degree from the University of San Diego School of Law.

The last Ventura County judge-elect to receive an interim appointment by the Governor was Judge Anthony Sabo in 2018. Prior to that, Judge Colleen Toy White (Ret.) received an interim appointment in 1994.

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