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VENTURA SUPERIOR COURT APPOINTS KATHRYN “KATE” BIEKER AS NEW COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Matthew P. Guasco
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Kate Bieker
*Court Executive Officer,
Clerk of the Court and
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VENTURA, CA— The Judges of the Ventura Superior Court are pleased to announce that they have appointed Kathryn “Kate” Bieker to serve as Court Executive Officer, Clerk of the Court and Jury Commissioner, effective April 14, 2025. Ms. Bieker’s appointment follows the retirement of Brenda L. McCormick, who has served as the Court Executive Officer, Clerk of the Court and Jury Commissioner since 2021. Ms. Bieker has served as the Court Executive Officer of the Contra Costa Superior Court for the last seven years, having held various positions at that court for 19 years. During her distinguished career with the Contra Costa Superior Court, Ms. Bieker has held leadership positions in Human Resources, Finance and Operations, and she serves on the California Judicial Council. The hiring of Ms. Bieker follows a competitive nationwide recruitment which was facilitated by CPS HR Consulting.

The Court Executive Officer serves at the pleasure of the Judges of the Court and is responsible for overseeing and managing the day-to-day operations of the Court subject to the supervision and direction of the Presiding Judge. “We are thrilled and excited to begin this next chapter in the Court’s history of service to the community with the appointment of Kate Bieker. While we were impressed with the qualifications of each of the finalists we interviewed, Kate’s breadth and depth of experience in all facets of court management, coupled with her demonstrated track record of innovation and success in technology, operations and employee relations, made her clearly the best-qualified applicant to be our next CEO,” says Presiding Judge Matthew P. Guasco. “Kate is the right person at the right time to help the Ventura Superior Court achieve the objectives in our recently-adopted Strategic Plan, which focuses on improvements and innovations in all facets of court operations to better serve the residents of Ventura County.”

“I am honored and excited to join the Ventura Superior Court as its CEO,” says Ms. Bieker. “Together with the dedicated judges, staff, and stakeholders, I look forward to driving positive change, enhancing access to justice, and implementing innovative solutions that will strengthen the trust the public places in our judicial system.” Presiding Judge Guasco administered the oath of office to Ms. Bieker upon the commencement of her service on April 14, 2025.

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