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NEW COURT COMMISSIONER JOINS VENTURA SUPERIOR COURT

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VENTURA, CA — The Judges of Ventura County have selected Brian L. Sottile to join the Ventura County Court as a Superior Court Commissioner. Commissioner Sottile fills the vacancy created when Governor Gavin Newsom elevated Commissioner Carol Hubner to become a Superior Court Judge on May 7, 2025. On Tuesday, May 27, 2025, Ventura County Superior Court Presiding Judge Matthew P. Guasco administered the oath of office to Commissioner Sottile, who is now assigned to Department 34 at the Hall of Justice in Ventura.

Prior to his selection, Commissioner Sottile worked as an Assistant City Attorney for the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office in the capacity of Division Head Deputy in the Prosecution Division starting in June 2023. His prior roles with the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office included Supervising Attorney of the Van Nuys Branch (February 2021 – June 2023); Acting Supervising Attorney of the Van Nuys Branch (November 2020 – February 2021); Assistant Supervising Attorney of the Van Nuys Branch (April 2016 – November 2020); Public Safety General Counsel (PGEN Section) (March 2008 – April 2016); Neighborhood Prosecutor in the Safe Neighborhoods Division (March 2005 – March 2008); and Prosecutor-Chatsworth/San Fernando and Van Nuys Branches (November 1998 – January 2002 and February 2003 – March 2005). Commissioner Sottile was an associate with Sullivan, Sottile and Taketa, LLP in 2002 and 2003.

Commissioner Sottile obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California Riverside, and his Juris Doctor degree from San Joaquin College of Law.

Superior Court Commissioners hear matters including, but not limited to: Family Law, Child Support, Domestic Violence, Civil Harassment, Traffic, Criminal and Small Claims. They are required to have been admitted to practice by the California State Bar for at least ten years and they serve at the pleasure of the Presiding Judge.

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