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JUDGE PHILIP J. BONOLI TAKES THE BENCH

VENTURA, CA — Judge Philip J. Bonoli took the bench on Thursday, November 5, 2026, as Ventura County's newest Superior Court Judge. Judge Brian L. Sottile administered Judge Bonoli's judicial oath of office.

Judge Bonoli was appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom on November 4, 2026. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Kevin G. DeNoce.

Prior to his appointment, Judge Bonoli served as a Commissioner in the Family Law Department at the Ventura Superior Court since June 2026 and has been assigned to Department 34.

Before joining the Ventura Superior Court, Judge Bonoli worked as a Co-Managing Partner at BG Law LLP in Woodland Hills starting in March 2017. He was a Shareholder at LeClairRyan LLP from July 2008 to March 2017; Attorney at Soltman, Levitt & Flaherty from July 2004 to June 2008; Associate at Wright, Robinson, Osthimer & Tatum from March 1999 to June 2004; and an Associate at Hogan, Baynes & Haworth from 1997 to 1999.

Judge Bonoli obtained his Bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California and his Juris Doctor degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Effective November 30, 2026, Judge Bonoli will be assigned to the Civil Division in Courtroom 40. The date of his formal enrobement ceremony will be announced in the near future.

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