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JUDGE JACQUELYN D. RUFFIN TAKES THE BENCH AS VENTURA SUPERIOR COURT'S NEWEST JUDGE

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VENTURA, CA — Judge Jacquelyn D. Ruffin took the bench on Monday, July 6, 2026, as Ventura County's newest Superior Court Judge. Hon. Charmaine H. Buehner administered Judge Ruffin's judicial oath of office.

Judge Ruffin was appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom on June 2, 2026. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Hon. David M. Hirsch.

Prior to her appointment, Judge Ruffin worked at Myers Widders Gibson Jones & Feingold in Ventura, CA, where she was a Partner (since 2018); an Associate (2012 to 2017); and a Contract Attorney (2011 to 2012). She served as an Extern with Justice Harry Pregerson, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Judge Ruffin received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of California at Santa Cruz and her Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law.

Judge Ruffin will be assigned to the Civil Department. The date of her formal enrobement ceremony will be announced in the near future.

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