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Matthew D. Caron Appointed as Contra Costa Superior Court Judge

The Contra Costa Superior Court is pleased to announce that Governor Gavin Newsom has appointed Matthew D. Caron as Judge of the Superior Court. He will take his oath on July 10, 2026, and will preside in Department 4. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Mary Ann O'Malley.

Prior to his appointment, Judge Caron served as a Deputy District Attorney in Contra Costa County for over 16 years, representing the People of the State of California in serious felony cases. In his time with that office, he supervised the Major Financial Crimes Unit, the Felony Calendar Unit, and various branch Misdemeanor and Felony court operations units. Before coming a Deputy District Attorney, Judge Caron was a Deputy City Attorney for the San Diego Office of the City Attorney where he served as a Trial Team Supervisor. Throughout his career he has tried over 60 cases to verdict.

A dedicated teacher and mentor, Judge Caron regularly provided training in areas of criminal procedure, case negotiations and dispositions, evidence presentation, voir dire, and sentencing. For the District Attorney's Office, he developed an Introduction to Felony Sentencing and Procedure course to offer necessary and immediate guidance to those attorneys newly assigned to felony matters.

Judge Caron graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2006, where he was inducted into the Order of the Barristers and received the International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award for Excellence in the Art and Science of Advocacy. He earned his bachelor's degree from San Diego State University in 2002, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Judge Caron was born and raised in Walnut Creek and currently resides in Marin County with his wife and daughter.

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