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Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara Welcomes Vinita Bali as Judge

SAN JOSÉ, California (July 28, 2023): The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara is pleased to announce the swearing in of Vinita Bali as the newest addition to the judicial bench. Judge Bali, a resident of Santa Clara County, brings a wealth of diverse legal expertise and a distinguished career to her role as Judge.

Prior to her appointment, Judge Bali served as International Counsel in the Office of the General Counsel at Stanford University, where she played a vital role in navigating legal matters on an international scale. In her many years at Stanford, she showcased her exemplary skills in mitigating potential risks, collaborating to find equitable solutions, and safeguarding the interests of a complex institution.

Judge Bali's connection with academia runs deep, having taught law at Santa Clara University School of Law since 2002. Her passion for empowering others through legal education and mentorship has inspired numerous aspiring attorneys, leaving an indelible mark on the legal community.

Before venturing into academia, Judge Bali honed her legal acumen first as a business litigator, and subsequently as a corporate transactional attorney. Her experience in private practice equipped her with the necessary insights to navigate legal disputes and provide comprehensive legal counsel to her clients.

"The Santa Clara County Superior Court warmly welcomes Judge Vinita Bali to the bench and looks forward to her continued contributions to the pursuit of justice and the betterment of the legal community," said Presiding Judge, Hon. Beth McGowen. "Her appointment reaffirms the court's commitment to upholding the highest standards of integrity, fairness, and impartiality."

Notably, Judge Bali's contributions to the Santa Clara County Superior Court go beyond her current appointment. She has already served for many years as Judge Pro Tem in Small Claims and Traffic court, earning admiration for her fairness and commitment to justice.
Judge Bali's dedication to public service extends beyond the courtroom. She has been actively involved in numerous non-profit organizations, most recently serving on Stanford

University's Racial Justice Initiative Committee, Santa Clara County Superior Court's Community Outreach Committee, and the Diversity and Inclusion Committee and Women Lawyers' Committee of the Santa Clara County Bar Association. Her involvement in these initiatives reflects her strong belief in fostering a more inclusive and equitable legal system.

Please join us in congratulating Judge Vinita Bali on her appointment and welcoming her as a terrific addition to the Santa Clara County Superior Court.

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