

Superior Court of California County of Santa Clara

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The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, Proudly Announces the Appointment of New Judges

SAN JOSÉ, Calif. (June 18, 2025): The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, is pleased to announce the appointment of three new judges, Jeff El-Hajj, Commissioner Erik Johnson, and Eunice Lee, following their selection by Governor Gavin Newsom. These appointments are part of a series of judicial appointments announced by the Governor on June 18, 2025, which includes 16 superior court judges across the state. The Court appreciates the hard work of the Governor's Judicial Appointments Secretary and his team, and we appreciate Governor Newsom's selection of these three highly qualified individuals.

Jeffrey El-Hajj



Jeffrey El-Hajj, of San Francisco County, has served as a Research Attorney for the Sixth Appellate District Court of Appeal since 2013. He was a Law Clerk at the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands from 2011 to 2013. El-Hajj worked as an Associate at Angel Law from 2009 to 2011. El-Hajj received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California College of the Law, San Francisco. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Peter H. Kirwan.

Commissioner Erik Johnson



Erik Johnson, of Santa Clara County, has served as a Commissioner with the Santa Clara County Superior Court since 2020. He worked as a Solo Practitioner at the Law Office of Erik Steven Johnson from 2010 to 2020. Johnson was an Associate for Hinkle Jachimowicz, Pointer & Emmanuel from 2007 to 2010. Johnson received a Juris Doctor degree from Santa Clara University School of Law. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Carrie Zepeda-Madrid.

Eunice Lee



Eunice Lee, of Santa Clara County, has served as a Deputy District Attorney for the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office since 2015. She worked as an Associate at Minami Tamaki from 2008 to 2015. Lee received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California College of the Law, San Francisco. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Vanessa Zecher.

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