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**The Superior Court Appoints a New Commissioner**  
*Santa Clara County Superior Court has appointed  
Jillian M. Laxton to Court Commissioner*

SAN JOSÉ, California (February 28, 2019): The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, is pleased to announce the appointment of Jillian M. Laxton to the position of Commissioner.

Ms. Laxton comes to the Bench from a family law background. She has worked for Superior Court in the Family Law Facilitator/Self Help Center since 2005 where she mediated family law cases for Self-Represented Litigants. She has assisted customers in all areas of family law issues and also in landlord/tenant, probate, and limited civil cases. Prior to joining the court, Ms. Laxton worked for Stand! Against Domestic Violence, Support Network for Battered Women, and had a private law practice.

Ms. Laxton graduated from New College of California, School of Law in San Francisco and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Goddard College in Plainfield, Vermont.

Ms. Laxton is an active member of the community; she volunteers for the Santa Clara Domestic Counsel, the Tri Valley Non Profit "Tri Valley Socks, Bra's for the Cause", the Pleasanton Little League, and she is also team mom for her daughter's competitive cheer team.

Presiding Judge Deborah A. Ryan notes "Jillian has been an incredible asset to our Self-Help Center for over a decade and she will bring her considerable skills and excellent judicial demeanor along with her to the Bench."

Ms. Laxton will be sworn in on March 7, 2019.

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