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## Santa Clara County Superior Court Welcomes Commissioner Erik S. Johnson to the Bench

Commissioner Erik S. Johnson was sworn in to the Santa Clara County Superior Court Bench on Monday, August 24, 2020. Commissioner Johnson fills the vacancy left by Judge Blecher after her appointment to a judgeship by Governor Gavin Newsom. Commissioner Johnson comes to the Bench from a criminal defense and family law background. For the last ten years, he has maintained a private practice assisting clients in misdemeanor and felony matters, including DUI, domestic violence, and sex cases. He has also represented clients in contested and complex divorce, paternity, and child custody proceedings, often with cross-over criminal implications. He also found particular interest in litigating appeals and writs of mandate in administrative cases against the Department of Motor Vehicles. Before opening his practice, Commissioner Johnson worked as an associate for Hinkle, Jachimowicz, Pointer & Emanuel.

Commissioner Johnson received his bachelor's degree from Saint Mary's College, where he attended with an academic scholarship and later graduated from Santa Clara University School of Law. While attending law school, he interned for both the San Mateo County Family Law Facilitator's Office and the Family Law Alternative Dispute Resolution Program.

"The Superior Court is very pleased to welcome its newest judicial officer to the Bench. The breadth of Commissioner Johnson's experience and knowledge will be a tremendous asset to the Court as he contributes to our core mission of providing equal justice for all," said Presiding Judge Deborah A. Ryan.

