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## The Santa Clara County Superior Court Welcomes Brian J. Buckelew To The Bench

The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, is pleased to announce that Hon. Brian J. Buckelew was sworn in to the Superior Court Bench by Judge Erica Yew on Monday, October 4, 2021.

Judge Buckelew served as a Supervising Deputy District Attorney at the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office from 2018-2021, where he had served as a Deputy District Attorney since 2013. He served as an Assistant District Attorney at the San Francisco District Attorney's Office from 2007 to 2013 and as District Attorney Kamala Harris' Director of Legal Affairs and Public Information from 2009-2010.

"Judge Buckelew has an excellent background that has prepared him to be a wonderful judge. In addition to his experience, he is thoughtful, compassionate, and open-minded. He is quick to understand people, what they are saying, and their situation. Judge Buckelew is going to be an excellent jurist for the people of this county and for our state," said Hon. Erica Yew.

Judge Buckelew was an Associate at Williams & Connolly LLP in Washington, D.C., from 2001 to 2006. He served as a Law Clerk for the Honorable Pasco M. Bowman II at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit from 2000 to 2001 and was an Associate at Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering LLP in Washington, D.C. from 1999 to 2000. Judge Buckelew worked as an Assistant to the Special Counsel at the White House Counsel's Office for President Bill Clinton in 1995-1996. He earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.

Presiding Judge Theodore C. Zayner stated, "I am delighted to welcome Judge Buckelew to the Superior Court Bench. We look forward to the contributions of Judge Buckelew to our core mission of providing equal justice for all in a fair, accessible manner and promoting public trust and confidence in the judicial system."

Judge Buckelew will begin his appointment hearing criminal matters at the Hall of Justice in San Jose.

