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## **Two New Commissioners for the Superior Court Bench**

*Santa Clara Superior Court has appointed as its newest Commissioners  
Brooke A. Blecher and Benjamin W. Williams.*

San José, California (August 27, 2018): The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, is pleased to announce the appointments of Brooke A. Blecher and Benjamin W. Williams to the position of Commissioner.

Ms. Blecher, a Certified Family Law Specialist and a member of the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists, comes to the bench from a successful private practice in family law. She has handled all types of family law cases, including move-away cases, post-judgment modifications, complex and large-assets matters, child and spousal support cases, custody matters, and dissolutions. In 2009 and 2010, she was named a "Rising Star of Family Law Attorneys in Northern California" in the publication "Super Lawyers of Northern California."

Ms. Blecher graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara, with a Bachelor of Arts. She started law school at Pepperdine School of Law, then transferred and graduated from the University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law.

Mr. Williams comes to the bench from a criminal law practice, most recently serving as appointed counsel through the Independent Defender's Office in Santa Clara County for the last eight years. In fourteen years of practice, he has handled a wide variety of cases from Vehicle Code violations to homicides, both as privately retained counsel and through court appointments. Appearing in both state and federal courts, he has handled complex white collar crimes, as well as multiple-defendant gang-related cases involving random street violence. For the last three years, he has assisted the Court as a temporary judge in the Traffic Division.

Mr. Williams holds an undergraduate degree from University of California, Los Angeles in Political Science, and a law degree from the Santa Clara University School of Law. Before attending law school, he interned at the Bet Tzedek Legal Services in Los Angeles; served as a probation officer supervising juvenile offenders in the District of Columbia; and interned with William Shipsey, a senior barrister in Dublin, Ireland.

Mr. Williams will take the oath of office on Wednesday, September 5, and Ms. Blecher will take the oath on Monday, September 10.

"I am delighted to welcome to our bench two such highly qualified and well regarded practitioners," said Presiding Judge Patricia Lucas. "The Court looks forward to the contributions of Commissioners Blecher and Williams 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."

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