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Governor Newsom Appoints a New Judge to the San Joaquin County Superior Court

Stockton, California- The Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin, is pleased to announce that Governor Gavin Newsom has appointed Michael Tener to serve as a Judge of the San Joaquin County Superior Court. The appointment was announced on April 16, 2026.

Judge appointee Tener brings nearly two decades of legal experience to the bench and a longstanding commitment to serving the San Joaquin County community. He has been a Partner at Leonardini, Despotes, Giannecchini & Nims LLP since 2024. Before that, he served as an Associate at Neumiller & Beardslee from 2007 to 2016 and as a shareholder of the firm from 2016 to 2024.

Michael Tener has practiced civil, probate, and trust litigation at both the trial court and appellate levels. He has developed extensive experience representing plaintiffs and defendants in a wide range of matters, including breach of contract disputes, competing property claims, personal and business torts, real estate and land disputes, and claims involving trusts or probate estates. His clients have included businesses, agricultural interests, private individuals, trustees, creditors, and beneficiaries.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Judge appointee Tener has demonstrated a strong commitment to community service. He has donated his time to provide legal advice through the San Joaquin County Bar Association's "Lawyers in the Library" program and has helped foster youth interest in the legal profession through the First Impressions mock trial program.

Tener earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Davis School of Law. He fills the judicial vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Barbara A. Kronlund.

Presiding Judge L. Jacot welcomed the appointment, stating:

"We are honored to welcome Judge Tener to the San Joaquin County Superior Court. His extensive legal experience, professionalism, and dedication to the fair administration of justice will be a tremendous asset and addition to our Court and to the community we serve. We look forward to the knowledge and leadership he will bring to the bench."

The Court extends its warmest congratulations to Judge Tener and looks forward to his service to the people of San Joaquin County. His appointment reflects an ongoing commitment to ensuring access to justice and sustaining public trust in the judicial system.

Please join us in welcoming Judge Michael Tener to the San Joaquin County Superior Court.

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