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Sacramento Superior Court Assistant Presiding Judge Selection

I am pleased to announce that the Judges of the Sacramento Superior Court elected Judge Bunmi O. Awoniyi as the next Assistant Presiding Judge. Judge Awoniyi's term will commence on January 1, 2022 and will continue through December 31, 2023.

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. appointed Judge Awoniyi to the Sacramento Superior Court on November 29, 2012. During her tenure on the bench, she served as the Criminal Domestic Violence Home Court Judge at the Lorenzo Patiño Hall of Justice, Sacramento County Main Jail. Prior assignments include general civil and criminal trials and since 2018, she has served as the Supervising Judge in Family Law and Probate. Judge Awoniyi also served as the Co-Chair to the Domestic Violence Committee and member of the Court's Executive Committee, Criminal, Civil Law and Home Court Committees.

Prior to Judge Awoniyi's appointment to the bench, she served as a principal attorney with a family law practice for 18 years. She was also an adjunct professor at the University of Northern California, Lorenzo Patiño School of Law and associate attorney for multiple law offices. Judge Awoniyi is also a certified family law specialist.

Judge Bunmi Awoniyi completed her Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) for a Barristerat-Law at the Inns of Court School of Law (London), a Masters of Law Degree (LLM) from the University of Leicester School of Law, and Bachelor of Law degree (LLB) from the University of Essex.

Following her selection as the next Assistant Presiding Judge, Judge Awoniyi states, "*I am* honored and humbled to be selected as the next Assistant Presiding Judge of the Sacramento Superior Court. We have an outstanding bench of jurists and dedicated court employees committed to excellence in the administration of justice. I am proud to be a member of this bench, and I look forward to assisting Judge Bowman, our new Presiding Judge, in executing his vision for our court."

For further information, please contact the Public Information Office at (916) 591-0050.