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Four New Judicial Officers Join the Riverside Superior Court Bench

Riverside County: The Riverside County Superior Court is pleased to announce the addition of two new judicial appointees and two commissioners to its bench. On May 23, 2007, the Governor's Office announced the appointment of Angel M. Bermudez and John M. Monterosso to judgeships in the court. Additionally, local attorneys Kathleen M. Jacobs and Walter H. Kubelun were recently selected to serve as court commissioners.

Judge Angel Bermudez, who will take his oath on June 6, fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge B. J. Bjork. Judge Bermudez has served as a senior deputy district attorney for the Riverside County District Attorney's Office since 2003. From 2002 to 2003, he was with the law firm of Bermudez and Kotkin. From 1991 to 2002, he served as a deputy district attorney for the Riverside County District Attorney's Office. Judge Bermudez earned a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of San Diego School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Judge John Monterosso, who fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Eric Michael Kaiser, took his oath of office on May 25, 2007. Judge Monterosso served as a deputy district attorney for the Riverside County District Attorney's Office from 1990 to 2004. Since 2004, he has served as a supervising deputy district attorney for the Office. Judge Monterosso earned a Juris Doctorate from the University of San Francisco School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of San Francisco.

Kathleen Jacobs, a native of Riverside, has been a partner with David Gregory in the law firm of Jacobs and Gregory for the past 19 years, primarily practicing business and real estate law. Ms. Jacobs earned a Juris Doctorate degree from Western State University College of Law in Fullerton and a Bachelor's degree from California State College, San Bernardino. Ms. Jacobs took her oath of office on May 13, 2007.

Walter Kubelun, who has served as a deputy district attorney with the Riverside County District Attorney's Office since 2000, will take his oath of office on May 30, 2007. Prior to joining the District Attorney's Office, Mr. Kubelun was an associate with several Los Angeles law firms. From 1995 to 2000, he was an associate with the firm of LaFollette, Johnson, DeHass, Fesler and Ames. From 1994 to 1995, he was with the firm of Wehner and Perlman. Prior to that, he was an associate with the firm of Bonne, Bridges, Mueller, O'Keefe and Nicols from 1991 to 1994. Mr. Kubelun earned a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of San Diego School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University Northridge.

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