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GOVERNOR APPOINTS NEW JUDGE TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY:

On August 28, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the appointment of Jeffrey M. Zimel to a vacant judgeship in the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside.

Jeffrey M. Zimel, 54, of Temecula, has been appointed to serve as a judge in the Riverside County Superior Court. Mr. Zimel has served as deputy public defender at the Riverside County Public Defender's Office since 2011, where he has been a supervisor since 2013. He was a sole practitioner from 1998 to 2011 and served as a deputy public defender at the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office from 1991 to 1998. Mr. Zimel earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Michael B. Donner.

A state Judicial Needs Assessment has found that the Riverside Superior Court is in dire need of judgeships to help process the growing caseloads in its communities. The filling of this vacancy by Mr. Zimel will greatly assist the Court's goal in continuing to provide access to justice for court litigants.

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