



NEWS RELEASE

JUDGE SUNSHINE SYKES CONFIRMED TO SERVE AS U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

SUPERIOR COURT OF
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RIVERSIDE COUNTY:

On May 18, 2022, the United States Senate confirmed Judge Sunshine Sykes to a lifetime seat on the United States District Court for the Central District of California. Judge Sykes' historic confirmation makes her the first Native American woman to serve on California's federal court, and only the seventh Native American to serve on the federal bench in US history. Judge Sykes has served on the Riverside Superior Court since December 2012. Most recently she has been the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court Appellate Panel, the Co-Chair of the Riverside County Tribal Alliance, and presided over the Complex Civil Calendar.

"We have mixed emotions in that we are losing a valuable member of our bench who cannot be easily replaced, but are extremely proud of Judge Sykes' historic confirmation to the District Court," wrote Presiding Judge John Monterosso.

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