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**NEEDLES COURTHOUSE TO WELCOME FULL TIME COMMISSIONER**

**NEEDLES, CA**– San Bernardino Superior Court (SBSC) is excited to announce that Kristine Eisler has been selected to fill the new full-time Commissioner position at the Needles Courthouse.

Graduating from the University of LaVerne's College of Law in 2009, Ms. Eisler's legal experience includes private practice, non-profit legal services, tenure as Chief Public Defender for Inyo County, and her most recent role as a Deputy District Attorney III in Riverside County.

The installment of a full-time bench officer completes the SBSC's multi-phased approach to expand access to justice by restoring court services to the residents of Needles and the surrounding areas. The first phase in January 2023 restored full-time clerk's office staff that allowed court users to access additional court services. The second phase in March allowed litigants from all case types to appear in person for court hearings with a judicial officer presiding remotely. This third and final phase, with a judicial officer dedicated to hearing Needles cases, has been made possible through new, permanent funding, along with judicial appointments made by the Governor of California.

"Reopening the Needles Courthouse with the installation of a judicial officer to preside full time is the culmination of the great teamwork of all the justice partners and the Needles community," said Presiding Judge R. Glenn Yabuno. "There is nothing more rewarding for our court than to see the expansion of access to justice in the restoration of court services to this community," said Court Executive Officer Anabel Z. Romero.

An Oath of Office ceremony will be held at the Needles Courthouse on October 17, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Superior Court Commissioners hear matters including, but not limited to, family law, probate, small claims, unlawful detainers (eviction), child support, domestic violence, civil harassment, traffic, and criminal matters. Commissioners must be active members in good standing with the State Bar of California, and be admitted to practice law in California for at least ten years.

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