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## **SAN BERNARDINO SUPERIOR COURT WELCOMES NEW JUDGE KAWIKA SMITH**

**SAN BERNARDINO, CA**— On July 9, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the appointment of Kawika Smith to a judgeship in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino.

The Governor's office released the following statements:

Kawika Smith, of Redlands, has been appointed to serve as a Judge in the San Bernardino County Superior Court. Smith has served as Supervising Deputy Public Defender at the San Bernardino County Public Defender's Office since 2014, where he has served as a Deputy Public Defender since 1995. He earned a Juris Doctor degree from the Western State University, College of Law. Smith fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Keith D. Davis.

Presiding Judge Michael A. Sachs said of the appointment and selection, "we are pleased with the Governor's appointment of Judge Smith who will be a great addition to our diverse bench."

San Bernardino Superior Court has an overall need of 43 additional judicial officers – the highest judicial need in the state of California.

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