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CHIEF JUSTICE PATRICIA GUERRERO APPOINTS SUPERIOR COURT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY JUDGE MICHELLE WILLIAMS COURT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

Judge Court's Three-Year Term as a New Voting Member Begins September 15

Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero has appointed Superior Court of Los Angeles County Judge Michelle Williams Court as one of three new voting members of the Judicial Council of California, Presiding Judge Samantha P. Jessner announced today.

"I thank Chief Justice Guerrero for her wisdom in appointing the talented and intelligent Judge Michelle Williams Court as a voting member of the Judicial Council," said Presiding Judge Jessner. "I have no doubt that Judge Court's perspective and expertise will be invaluable to the Council, particularly as the judicial branch continues to explore ways to leverage technology and innovation to improve and expand upon fair and equitable access to justice for all Californians."

"I am grateful to the Chief Justice for this opportunity to serve the judiciary as a member of the Judicial Council," said Judge Court. "I am looking forward to joining the Judicial Council as it continues its work to implement new and innovative initiatives to ensure equal access to justice for all."

The Judicial Council is the policy-making body of the California Judicial Branch. The Council is responsible for ensuring the consistent, independent, impartial and accessible administration of justice through the California judicial system. Pursuant to the California Constitution, the Council is chaired by the Chief Justice, who appoints one other Supreme Court justice, three justices from the courts of appeal and 10 trial court judges as voting members. The California State Bar's governing body appoints four voting members, and the leaders of the California Senate and Assembly appoint one voting member each. Judicial Council members are volunteers and do not receive additional compensation for their service.

Judge Court will join Judge Maria Lucy Armendariz as the second Council representative from the

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Superior Court of Los Angeles County, the largest single unified trial court in the nation. Judge Court's term will begin on September 15.

Judge Court currently serves as the Supervising Judge of the Court's Civil Division, where she oversees the judicial administration of the Court's 100-plus civil courtrooms, which hear proceedings ranging from small claims, evictions and personal injury cases to complex, class action lawsuits. Judge Court also serves as chair of the Court's Technology Committee, which is focused on building technological efficiencies in the day-to-day functioning of the Court to facilitate greater access to justice for litigants and other court users.

Judge Court currently also serves on the Judicial Council's Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee, the California Supreme Court's Committee on Judicial Ethics Opinions, and is a member of the American Law Institute. Judge Court has also served on the Court's Executive Committee, Commissioner Selection Committee, Local Rules Committee, Civil Bench-Bar Committee, Media Committee, Diversity Committee and Community Outreach Committee.

Governor Jerry Brown first appointed Judge Court to the bench in December 2011. Los Angeles County voters re-elected Judge Court in 2020 for a term that expires in January 2027.

Prior to joining the bench, Judge Court served as vice-president and general counsel at Bet Tzedek Legal Services for nine years. Prior to her work at Bet Tzedek, Judge Court served as a senior associate attorney at Milberg LLP, as a community builder fellow and civil rights specialist for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and as a litigation associate at Litt and Marquez. Judge Court received her undergraduate degree from Pomona College and her juris doctor degree from Loyola Law School.

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