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## **LOS ANGELES COUNTY BENCH ELECTS ERIC C. TAYLOR PRESIDING JUDGE CORRECTION**

Presiding Judge Kevin C. Brazile announced today the Judges of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County have elected Assistant Presiding Judge Eric C. Taylor to be the Presiding Judge for the **2021-2022** term beginning on January 1, 2021. Judge Taylor has served as the Assistant Presiding Judge since January 1, 2019.

In September 2019, Judge Taylor became a voting member of the Judicial Council of California assigned to the Legislation Committee.

Presiding Judge-Elect Taylor was appointed to the Inglewood Municipal Court in 1998, serving as Presiding Judge prior to trial court unification. He was subsequently appointed Superior Court Site Judge for the Inglewood Courthouse. In 2001, he was appointed Assistant District Supervising Judge of the Southwest District. From 2002 to 2003, he served as Supervising Judge of the Southwest District. In 2011, he was elected to the Superior Court Executive Committee, serving until 2013.

In 2003, Judge Taylor was elected President of the California Judges Association (CJA) after serving on its board for two years. While president, Former Chief Justice Ronald George appointed Judge Taylor as an advisory member to the California Judicial Council and to the Judicial Council's Access and Fairness Committee, serving from 2000 to 2003.

In 2015, he became the first judge to be elected for a second time as President of CJA, and to again serve on the Judicial Council under Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye.

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## **JUDGE TAYLOR NEW PRESIDING JUDGE 2-2-2-2**

During his first term as president, Judge Taylor helped to revitalize CJA — overhauling its publications, increasing its presence in Sacramento, traveling to more than 25 counties to expand and solidify membership, and to give Judges a strong voice throughout the state. In his second term, he again led efforts to promote membership and a more proactive association concerning issues related to the quality of justice in California and the dignity of the judiciary. Judge Taylor also chaired CJA's Public Information and Access Committee and served on the editorial board of its main publication, "The Bench."

Judge Taylor also served on the Steering Committee for the California Judicial College, where he served as a discussion group leader.

Prior to the bench, Judge Taylor served as a Deputy County Counsel for Los Angeles County, practicing in the Civil Litigation, Sheriff's Civil Defense and Public Works Divisions. He practiced as a litigation associate at Sonnenschein, Nath and Rosenthal, and the former law offices of Pettit and Martin. In 1986, he served as an extern to California Supreme Court Justice Allen E. Broussard.

Judge Taylor holds a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law and a B.A. from Dartmouth College. At Virginia, he chaired the Migrant Farmworkers Legal Project and co-chaired the Law Public Services Program. At Dartmouth, Judge Taylor was a Gould Foundation Scholar and sang for four years with the Dartmouth Aires. Judge Taylor is a trustee of the Cate Preparatory School and has taught as an adjunct professor at Loyola Marymount University since 2013.

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