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**SUPERIOR COURT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY PRESIDING JUDGE
SAMANTHA P. JESSNER CONGRATULATES JUDGE SERENA
MURILLO FOR HER NOMINATION TO U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

Superior Court of Los Angeles County Presiding Judge Samantha P. Jessner has released the following statement after President Joe Biden announced the nomination of Judge Serena Murillo to the United States District Court for the Central District of California:

“We offer our sincere congratulations to Judge Murillo on her nomination today to the United States District Court for the Central District of California,” Presiding Judge Jessner said. “Judge Murillo’s tenure with our Court is embodied by her steadfast and unwavering commitment to public service and the rule of law. She will bring a wealth of experience to the federal court as a result of her tenure with our Court, including presiding over proceedings in the Court’s Civil, Appellate and Criminal Divisions in addition to leading the Court’s judicial education program. We are confident that her appointment to the federal bench will benefit the U.S. District Court and the people it serves in the same way she has served the citizens of Los Angeles County.”

Judge Murillo began her career with the Superior Court of Los Angeles County in January 2015 after winning election in 2014. Judge Murillo has served on numerous court committees, including the Court’s Executive and Bail Committees. She has dedicated herself to reimagining and improving the Court’s judicial education program, including revamping the introductory education new judges receive.

Judge Murillo also served by appointment of the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court as an Associate Justice Pro Tem on the California Court of Appeal from 2018 to 2019. Judge Murillo is also a longtime and well-respected member of the Judicial Council of California’s Criminal Law Advisory Committee. She was the co-chair of the California Latino Judges Association and President-Elect and is a founding member of California Women Judges.

Prior to becoming a judge, Judge Murillo served as a Deputy District Attorney in the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office from 1997 to 2014. She previously worked as an associate attorney at McNicholas & McNicholas in 1997 and as a law clerk at Shernoff, Bidart and Echeverria in 1996.

Judge Murillo received her juris doctor degree from Loyola Law School in 1996 and her undergraduate degree from the University of California, San Diego in 1993.

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