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## REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE NEXT VIRTUAL JUDICIAL MENTOR PROGRAM EVENT ON APRIL 16

***Featuring California Court of Appeal Justice Helen Zukin and California Judicial Appointments Secretary Luis Céspedes with Presiding Judge Sergio C. Tapia II, This Free Virtual Workshop Will Offer Insight on the Judicial Appointments Process***

The Superior Court of Los Angeles County's Judicial Mentor Program has opened registration for its next virtual workshop, "Cross the Judicial Application Finish Line with Lunchtime Mentorship." Scheduled from noon to 1:30 p.m. on April 16, this virtual workshop is a great opportunity for attorneys and commissioners in Los Angeles County interested in exploring a career on the bench to hear first-hand accounts from judges and other officials on the judicial appointments process.

Please click [this link](#) to register now!

"The strength of the judiciary rests on the active participation of talented, diverse legal professionals who aspire towards and attain a career on the bench," Presiding Judge Sergio C. Tapia II said. "This unique and invaluable workshop opportunity provides interested legal practitioners with insight on how to navigate and complete the judicial application process, with first-hand accounts from judicial leaders and judicial mentors across the judicial system. Participants will also gain perspective from Mr. Luis Céspedes, Governor Newsom's Judicial Appointments Secretary, on the judicial appointments process."

Following opening remarks by Presiding Judge Sergio C. Tapia II, the workshop will feature a 15-minute question-and-answer session with Secretary Luis Céspedes and Justice Helen Zukin about the judicial appointments process. Afterwards, the program will host a judicial mentorship breakout session where Judicial Mentor Program judges will work with participants to familiarize them with the personal data questionnaire (PDQ) and answer any general questions they may have. The breakout sessions provide an invaluable opportunity for participants to directly access real-time mentorship from a sitting bench officer.

For information, visit the Court's website, [www.LACourt.org](http://www.LACourt.org), and follow the Court on X ([@LASuperiorCourt](https://twitter.com/LASuperiorCourt)) and Threads ([@LASuperiorCourt](https://www.threads.net/@LASuperiorCourt)).

**Who:** Call to Order

- Hon. Esther P. Kim, Judge and Judicial Mentor Program Outreach Co-Chair, Superior Court of Los Angeles County
- Hon. Maria Puente-Porras, Judge and Judicial Mentor Program Outreach Co-Chair, Superior Court of Los Angeles County

Introduction

- Hon. Judge Kimberley B. Guillemet, Judge and Judicial Mentor Program Chair, Superior Court of Los Angeles County

Opening Remarks

- Hon. Sergio C. Tapia II, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Los Angeles County

Judicial Vetting Process: Question and Answer Segment

- Luis Céspedes, California Judicial Appointments Secretary
- Hon. Helen Zukin, Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Four, Judicial Selection Advisory Committee Chair

Judicial Application Mentorship Breakout Session

Adjournment

- Hon. Esther P. Kim, Judge and Judicial Mentor Program Outreach Co-Chair, Superior Court of Los Angeles County
- Hon. Maria Puente-Porras, Judge and Judicial Mentor Program Outreach Co-Chair, Superior Court of Los Angeles County

**What:** Superior Court of Los Angeles County Judicial Mentor Program: Cross the Judicial Application Finish Line with Lunchtime Mentorship.

**When:** April 16, 2025, noon to 1:30 p.m.

**Where:** Click [here](#) to register for the virtual session. Registration will close either when the maximum capacity is reached or by April 15, 2025, at noon, whichever comes first.



## Cross the Judicial Application Finish Line with Lunchtime Mentorship



Sergio C. Tapia II  
Presiding Judge  
Superior Court of Los Angeles County



Luis Céspedes  
Judicial Appointments Secretary,  
Office of Governor  
Gavin Newsom



Helen Zukin  
Associate Justice  
California Court of Appeal  
Second Appellate District, Div. 4  
& Judicial Selection Advisory  
Committee Chair

**April 16, 2025 | 12-1:30 p.m.**

**REGISTER NOW: [bit.ly/43HbDnd](https://bit.ly/43HbDnd)**

This virtual workshop is a great opportunity for attorneys and commissioners in Los Angeles County who are interested in exploring a career on the bench. Join this free, virtual discussion from **Noon to 1:30 p.m. on April 16** and hear first-hand accounts from judges and other officials on the judicial appointments process. This workshop will also feature a judicial mentorship breakout session where Judicial Mentor Program judges will work directly with participants to familiarize them with the personal data questionnaire (PDQ) and answer any general questions they may have.

If you aspire to serve in California's judiciary, a judicial mentor is available to guide you through the application process. Don't miss this 90-minute session, the latest offering of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County's Judicial Mentor Program.