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The Judges of the Superior Court of San Joaquin County are pleased to announce the appointment of Deputy District Attorney Seth R. Hoyt Jr. to the position of Superior Court Commissioner.

Mr. Hoyt, 37, of Ione has served as a deputy district attorney in San Joaquin County for the past ten years, handling criminal cases in the Homicide/Gang Prosecution Unit. Previously, he was a law clerk for the California Department of Corrections, Legal Affairs Division from 1996 to 1997, where he conducted administrative law hearings in various state prisons, wrote petitions for involuntary medication orders, and performed research for correction law attorneys. He also researched legal issues and attended jury and court trials at the 34th District Court in Lubbock, Texas in 1995. Mr. Hoyt is also an experienced educator. He taught Spanish at the Missionary Training Center in Provo, Utah from 1991 to 1994.

Throughout Mr. Hoyt's career, he has worked tirelessly for this county and communities he has lived in and has been an active member of the legal field. He is currently the President of the San Joaquin County Attorneys Association. He has been a member of the Deputy District Attorney's Association since 2004 and is currently the Vice President. He is a member of several other programs and committees: Peacekeeper Outreach Program; San Joaquin County Gang Task Force; San Joaquin County Bar Association; and The Consuelo M. Callahan Inn of Court.

Hoyt earned his Juris Doctorate Degree from Texas Tech University School of Law in Lubbock, Texas and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Spanish Translation from Brigham Young University in Utah. He graduated from Galt High School.

"I am excited for the opportunity to work as a court commissioner and serve the residents of San Joaquin County," said Hoyt. "I am grateful for the opportunity I have had to work in the San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office for the past ten years and I will miss my work there. I am equally grateful for the trust placed in me by the San Joaquin County Courts and I look forward to maintaining the excellent reputation that the San Joaquin County Bench has in our community and throughout the state."

"Seth is an extremely hardworking attorney, and he has the respect of the entire bench," said William J. Murray Jr., Presiding Judge. "His experience working with people of diverse backgrounds, sense of fairness, legal ability, and temperament will serve our community and court well. We look forward to having Seth as a colleague."

Hoyt assumes the commissioner position left vacant by Tony J. Agbayani who was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger in late September to the position of Superior Court Judge.

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