



Superior Court of California

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VENTURA SUPERIOR COURT SELECTS NEW COMMISSIONER

The judges of the Ventura Superior Court have announced the selection of Derek D. Malan as the court's newest commissioner. He fills the vacancy created by the recent appointment of Michele M. Castillo to a judgeship. Commissioner Malan will assume his new duties on August 8, 2016.

Commissioner Malan has been a Senior Deputy District Attorney with the Ventura County District Attorney's Office since 2007. Prior to that, he was a Deputy District Attorney with the Ventura County District Attorney's Office from 2000 to 2007.

Most recently, he was a member of the District Attorney's Major Crimes Unit – Narcotics where he was assigned to a multi-agency task force targeting domestic and international drug-trafficking organizations. Previous assignments have included the Serious and Violent Felony Unit, Sexual Assault/Family Protection Unit, Major Crimes Unit – Gang Violence Suppression, Ventura County Auto Theft Task Force, and General Felony/Misdemeanor Trial Unit.

Commissioner Malan is a graduate of the University of Washington and earned his law degree from the Pepperdine University School of Law.

Superior Court Commissioners hear matters including, but not limited to, Family Law, Juvenile Delinquency and Dependency, Child Support Services, Domestic Violence, Civil Harassment, Traffic, Criminal and Small Claims. They are required to have been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of California for at least ten years and serve at the pleasure of a majority of the court judges.

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