



# *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 Paul W. Baelly as the court's newest commissioner. He fills the vacancy created by the recent appointment of JoAnn Johnson to a judgeship. Commissioner Baelly is expected to assume his new duties on December 4, 2017. Commissioner Baelly is the first Korean-American to serve on the Ventura County bench.

Commissioner Baelly has been a Deputy Public Defender with the Ventura County Public Defender's Office since 2006. Prior to that, he was a Deputy Public Defender with the Kern County Public Defender's Office and an attorney with the law firm Stephen Von Till & Associates.

Commissioner Baelly is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and earned his law degree from the University of San Diego 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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