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JUDGE AMY E. VAN SICKLE TAKES THE BENCH AS VENTURA SUPERIOR COURT'S NEWEST JUDGE

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VENTURA, CA—Judge Amy Van Sickle officially began her term today as Ventura Superior Court's newest Judge, after having been appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom. She was sworn into office today, February 19, 2025, and was administered the oath by Hon. John R. Smiley (Ret). She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Patricia M. Murphy.

Judge Van Sickle is currently assigned to Courtroom 31 in the Family Law Department. Prior to her judicial appointment, Judge Van Sickle served as a Commissioner in the Family Law Department at the Ventura Superior Court since 2023.

Prior to becoming Commissioner, Judge Van Sickle began her law practice at Van Sickle & Rowley in 2003, and in 2012 she opened her own solo practice. Between 2012 and 2020, Judge Van Sickle served as a Judge Pro Tem in Ventura, handling family law, domestic violence, and civil harassment restraining order cases.

Judge Van Sickle received her Bachelor of Science (Criminal Justice) from California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, in 1996, and she earned her Juris Doctorate from Ventura College of Law, Ventura, in 2000.

The date of Judge Van Sickle's formal enrobement ceremony will be announced in the near future.

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