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Mark Boessenecker Presiding Judge

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NAPA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT ANNOUNCES COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT

NAPA, CA – Presiding Judge Mark Boessenecker announced today the appointment of Jesus Silva, Jr. as the next Commissioner of the Napa County Superior Court. He fills the vacancy created by the recent departure of the Honorable Myrlys Stockdale Coleman.

During the past two decades as a private practitioner, Mr. Silva has provided legal services to a diverse range of clientele, including non-profit organizations, Fortune 500 entities, and homeless abuse victims. Mr. Silva has also served extensively as a volunteer Daily Settlement Officer for the Los Angeles County Superior Court and volunteer Arbitrator and Mediator for the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

Mr. Silva graduated from Stanford University in 1988 and earned his law degree from Loyola Law School of Los Angeles in 1996, graduating with special honors. Between undergraduate and law school, Mr. Silva worked as a paralegal. Following law school, he clerked with the firm of Burke, Williams & Sorenson in their municipality law department before launching his own practice.

Mr. Silva is fluent in Spanish and understands both Italian and Latin, having lived and studied in Europe and Africa.

"I am honored and privileged to have the opportunity to work with the people of Napa County during these historic and challenging times. I look forward to bringing my family to this wonderful community", said Silva.

The recruitment process for the Commissioner's position was extremely competitive with nearly three dozen applications submitted. The interview panel, which included the entire bench and the CEO, spent many hours reviewing applicant submissions, interviewing candidates, and measuring each person's background, experience, and personal demeanor. Ultimately, Mr. Silva prevailed as the choice of the panel.

"I'm thrilled to welcome Jesus as our next commissioner. His exemplary background and experience in family law will make him an outstanding addition to the Napa bench", said Presiding Judge Mark Boessenecker.

Mr. Silva will join the Court on November 2. For any questions or other inquiries, please contact the Court Executive Office at 707-299-1100.

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