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SAN BERNARDINO SUPERIOR COURT WELCOMES NEW JUDGES

SAN BERNARDINO, CA— On March 17, 2025, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the appointments of Dina Amani and Cecilia Joo to serve as judges in San Bernardino Superior Court (SBSC), where both currently serve as commissioners.

The Governor's office released the following statements:

Amani has served as a Commissioner at the San Bernardino Superior Court since 2019. She was the Principal Owner at Farhat Law Firm, APC from 2014 to 2019. Amani was an Associate at Ewaniszyk Law Firm from 2005 to 2019 and an Associate at Rosin & Associates from 2003 to 2004. She was a Wealth Management Advisor at Merrill Lynch from 2000 to 2002. She worked as an Intern Law Clerk at the Chicago Stock Exchange in 1999. Amani was an Associate at Cline & Associates from 1997 to 1998. Amani received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of LaVerne College of Law. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Brian S. McCarville.

Joo has served as a Commissioner at the San Bernardino Superior Court since 2023. She has served in several roles at the San Bernardino District Attorney's Office since 2007, including Supervising Deputy District Attorney and Deputy District Attorney. Joo received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of LaVerne College of Law. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Michael R. Libutti.

"We are proud to see two of our court commissioners take the bench as judges. Their years of dedicated service to this court have demonstrated their deep knowledge of the law, commitment to justice, and unwavering professionalism. We congratulate them as they continue to serve the San Bernardino County community in their new roles," said Presiding Judge Lisa M. Rogan. "Our court has been fortunate to have these two exceptional individuals serve as commissioners, and we are thrilled to see them take the next step as judges. We look forward to their continued contributions to our court and the community," said Court Executive Officer Anabel Z. Romero.



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SBSC will have 2 remaining judicial vacancies and an assessed overall need of 27 additional judicial officers. Fulfilling this need is critical to restoring public confidence in the judicial system and expanding access to justice.

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