



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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CHIEF DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY MONICA DIAZ APPOINTED TO THE FRESNO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT BENCH

Fresno County Chief Deputy District Attorney Monica Renee Diaz has been appointed to the Fresno County Superior Court Bench, the District Attorney's Office has announced.

Chief Diaz has worked as a prosecutor in the Fresno County District Attorney's Office for eighteen (18) years. During her career in the office, she has successfully prosecuted a wide array of cases including domestic violence and homicides. She is currently the Chief of the Misdemeanor Unit, where she supervises a team of 12 attorneys. Prior to working in the D.A.'s Office, Chief Diaz worked as a criminal defense attorney for the Fresno County Public Defender's Office, as well as John Barker & Associates.

District Attorney Lisa Smittcamp, in learning of the appointment, stated "I am overwhelmingly proud of Monica for this accomplishment. She is a fine prosecutor with a keen sense of justice, and has proven herself to be a dedicated public servant. Although it will be a tremendous loss to our office, the citizens of Fresno County are very fortunate to have Monica Diaz serving as a Superior Court Judge."

Chief Diaz obtained her undergraduate degree from California State University Fresno, and her law degree from San Joaquin College of Law.

Governor Brown officially announced the appointment of Chief Diaz today. Chief Diaz will fill the vacancy created by the elevation of Justice Meehan to the Court of Appeal from the Fresno Superior Court last December.

The enrobing ceremony of Chief Diaz, as well as her first day on the Bench, will be determined shortly.

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