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**PLACER SUPERIOR COURT ANNOUNCES
APPOINTMENT OF NEW COURT COMMISSIONER**

The Placer Superior Court is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Shani M. Roark of Carmichael, California as the newest Court Commissioner, effective September 23, 2024. Ms. Roark fills a vacancy created due to the elevation of Judge Glenn M. Holley to the Placer County Superior Court Bench in March 2024¹. Commissioner Roark will be assigned to the Howard G. Gibson Courthouse in Roseville and the Tahoe Courthouse (Tahoe City) hearing multiple case types.

Ms. Roark will be leaving her service with the California Office of the Inspector General to join the Placer County Superior Court Bench. Prior to her State Service, Ms. Roark was a litigation attorney for Smith, Koyama, & Costello and Hartsuyker, Stratman, & Williams-Abrego, with a primary focus in civil litigation. She also brings a background in family and criminal law matters from her time with the Law Offices of David A. Martin & Associates and the Placer County Public Defender (Richard Ciummo and Associates). Ms. Roark has also been active in supporting youth education in the law, serving as a mock trial coach for regional high schools.

“Ms. Shani Roark’s first assignment will include service in Tahoe City, where she will hear a diverse set of cases across the civil and criminal spectrum. Her broad experience in civil, family, and criminal law makes her an asset to that assignment, this court, and those we serve throughout Placer County,” said Presiding Judge Alan Pineschi.

Ms. Roark was admitted to the State Bar of California in 2012. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Anthropology from the University of Utah and her Juris Doctorate with Distinction, and a Certificate in Public Law & Policy, in May 2012 from the University of Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.

1. The Court previously announced the appointment of Leon Dixon to fill this vacancy. Prior to starting as a Commissioner, Leon Dixon was appointed as a Superior Court Judge for Placer County.