



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF BUTTE

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On November 10, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the appointment of Mr. Philip H. Heithecker as Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Butte. The appointment fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Robert A. Glusman.

Mr. Heithecker will be sworn in as a Superior Court Judge on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. at the Butte Superior Court North County Courthouse in Chico.

Mr. Heithecker earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in History-Political Science from Point Loma Nazarene University, in San Diego, California.

Mr. Heithecker began his legal career as a Butte County Deputy District Attorney in 1992. Shortly thereafter, he became an Associate of Hermansen, Berglund, & Washington in 1995, and then became a Partner at Washington and Heithecker in 1996. In 2018, Mr. Heithecker became a sole practitioner, opening the Law Office of Philip Heithecker.

Over the years, Mr. Heithecker has engaged in private practice in civil and criminal litigation, as well as serving as one of the Butte County Public Defender attorneys. In 2011, Mr. Heithecker became the Executive Director of the Butte County Public Defender's Consortium, serving in that capacity until his appointment to the bench.

On the appointment of Mr. Heithecker, the Presiding Judge of the Butte Superior Court, the Honorable Clare Keithley, comments, "We are grateful to the Governor, and the Appointment Secretary, for all of their hard work in filling the seat vacated by Judge Glusman's retirement. We are very pleased to have Mr. Heithecker join our bench and serve the Butte County community. Mr. Heithecker has a long history of effective service to Butte County. He has been an excellent leader for the Public Defender Consortium and has been a thoughtful justice partner with the court, especially so during the pandemic. We look forward to his swearing in, and to working with him as our newest judge."

The Butte County Superior Court currently has 11 judgeship positions and 2 commissioner positions.