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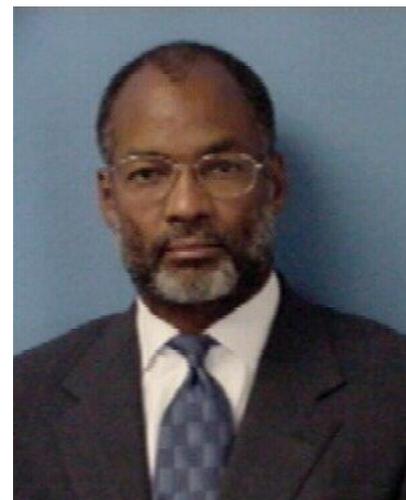
The judges of the Superior Court of California, County of Fresno, are pleased to announce the election of Judge Kimberly A. Gaab as the court's presiding judge, effective January 1, 2016. The presiding judge, with the assistance of the court executive officer, is responsible for leading the court, establishing policies, and allocating resources in a manner that promotes access to justice for all members of the public. Gaab has selected Judge Alan M. Simpson as her assistant presiding judge.

Gaab was appointed to the Fresno Superior Court in 2008 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and has served as a member of the court's executive committee since 2012. She is the current assistant presiding judge of the court. Gaab was an assistant United States attorney in Fresno from 2004 until her appointment. She was formerly a staff attorney for Associate Justice Rebecca A. Wiseman of the California Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District, and was previously engaged in private practice.

Simpson was appointed to the Fresno Superior Court in 2000 by Governor Gray Davis and previously served on the court's executive committee. He is a past presiding judge of the criminal and civil departments of the court. Simpson was a deputy district attorney in Fresno and later a partner in a Fresno firm specializing in general civil litigation.



Hon. Kimberly A. Gaab



Hon. Alan M. Simpson

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