



Superior Court of California County of Fresno



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The Judges of the Superior Court of California, County of Fresno are pleased to announce the appointment of Jonathan M. Skiles to the position of Superior Court Commissioner. He was selected from a field of over 50 attorney candidates and will succeed Commissioner Martin Suits who retired in September. Mr. Skiles will be sworn in to office on November 16, 2009, and will be assigned to the Traffic Division.

Ms. Skiles brings a wealth of experience to the bench. He has served as a deputy district attorney with the Fresno County District Attorney's Office for twelve years and is currently the Assistant District Attorney. As the Assistant District Attorney he is responsible for the day-to-day supervision of over three hundred attorneys, investigators, and staff. As a prosecutor, he represented the state in a plethora of felony and misdemeanor prosecutions including 58 homicide trials. In 2004, he briefly left the DA's Office to serve as legal advisor to the Fresno Police Department, but returned shortly thereafter to resume his prosecutorial duties. Prior to working with the District Attorney's Office he was a civil litigator for two years practicing business litigation. He has also served as a police officer for the Santa Cruz Police Department.

Mr. Skiles was admitted to the State Bar of California in 1995 and is a certified Criminal Law Specialist. He earned his Juris Doctorate Degree from the Santa Clara University School of Law, graduating Magna Cum Laude and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from California State University, Stanislaus.

"The Fresno Superior Court feels very fortunate to have a person of Mr. Skiles ability and experience serve as court commissioner. He is an excellent attorney and an outstanding person whose reputation is above reproach. We look forward to welcoming Jon to our bench", said M. Bruce Smith, Presiding Judge for the Superior Court. "I have no doubt that he will serve the citizens of this county in a fair and equitable manner."

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