Superior Court of California COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO



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SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA: Selection of Superior Court Commissioner for San Luis Obispo Superior Court

The Superior Court of San Luis Obispo County is pleased to announce the selection of Joshua Martin as the court's newest Superior Court Commissioner. Mr. Martin will be sworn in on a date to be determined.

Mr. Martin has 22 years of legal experience encompassing family law, civil litigation, and criminal defense.

In 2003, Mr. Martin received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law, and he earned his bachelor's degrees in English and History from California Polytechnic State University, Humboldt in 1999.

Presiding Judge Rita Federman noted that Mr. Martin has had a long and distinguished career in San Luis Obispo, first as a civil litigator and then as a certified family law specialist. He is well regarded by the bench and bar alike for his legal acumen, work ethic, and calm, steady demeanor. Mr. Martin has represented clients in over 70 bench trials and contested family law hearings. His experience with complex family law matters will serve him well as a bench officer. We are confident he will serve our community with distinction.

Superior Court Commissioners hear matters including, but not limited to, family law, small claims, unlawful detainers (eviction), child support, domestic violence, civil harassment, traffic, and criminal matters. Commissioners must be active members in good standing with the State Bar of California and be admitted to practice law in California for at least ten years.