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Governor Newsom Appoints Ventura County Deputy DA to Judgeship

VENTURA, Calif. – California Governor Gavin Newsom has appointed Marine Dermadzhyan to serve as a judge of the Ventura County Superior Court.

Ms. Dermadzhyan, born to Armenian immigrants, has served as a deputy district attorney in the Ventura County District Attorney's Office since 2014. Most recently, she prosecuted domestic violence cases.

"I am grateful to the Ventura County District Attorney's Office for giving me the opportunity to serve this wonderful community for the past nine years," Ms. Dermadzhyan said. "I look forward to continuing this service and assisting the Ventura County Superior Court in the fair and effective administration of justice."

Ms. Dermadzhyan, who is also an adjunct professor at the Ventura College of Law, earned a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Lamar University and a Juris Doctor degree from Loyola Law School. Ms. Dermadzhyan will fill a vacancy by the retirement of Judge John Smiley.

"Marine has the temperament, experience and intellect to serve as an outstanding judge on behalf of Ventura County and the cause of justice," said District Attorney Erik Nasarenko. "I want to thank the Governor and his staff for appointing Marine and for selecting a member of the District Attorney's office to fill the judicial vacancy."

Ms. Dermadzhyan begins her new role August 7, 2023.

