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TULARE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT APPOINTS ASSISTANT COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Presiding Judge, Gary Paden, and Court Executive Officer, LaRayne Cleek, announce Michelle Martinez has been appointed Assistant Court Executive Officer. Martinez has been serving as the Court Financial Officer since January, 2015. Her appointment will become effective September 20, 2015.

“Michelle’s strong background in public sector finance will be an asset in this position. We are very pleased with what she has accomplished since joining the court and we look forward to her continued contributions in her new role. She is an excellent choice and has the support of our entire bench” said Presiding Judge, Gary Paden.

Martinez has over 14 years of public sector experience, most recently at CAL FIRE where she developed and maintained a budget of over \$20 million dollars. She has a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from the University of Maryland and a Master’s of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University.

Martinez is a valley native, returning here after her husband Fred’s retirement from the United States Marine Corp. They have four grown children. Their youngest, Zac, is currently on active duty in the United States Marine Corp.

Martinez fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Cynthia Logan in 2009.

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