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NEWLY FORMALIZED INLAND EMPIRE JUDICIAL APPLICANT MENTORSHIP PROGRAM LAUNCHES

SAN BERNARDINO, CA—San Bernardino Superior Court (SBSC), in partnership with Riverside Superior Court, has officially formalized the <u>Inland Empire Judicial Applicant Mentorship Program</u> providing mentors for attorneys interested in becoming a judge through the state application and appointment process.

Prospective applicants should complete the <u>Judicial Mentor Program</u> <u>Request Form</u> to express interest and start the process of scheduling an appointment to meet with the Presiding Judge.

The purpose of this joint program is to recruit and develop qualified and diverse judicial candidates for the Inland Empire. Judicial mentors will provide guidance, support, and encouragement to prospective attorneys as they navigate the judicial application process to become a judge. A judicial mentor with a similar personal and professional background will be assigned to provide one-on-one guidance, answer questions, discuss career objectives, and review their judicial application.

SBSC has an overall need of 43 judges – the highest in the state. The Inland Empire Judicial Mentorship Program is intended to bring awareness of the judicial need in the Inland Empire while ensuring prospective candidates have support during the judicial application process.

For more information and instructions on how to complete the Judicial Applicant Application, please visit the State of California's Website: <u>https://www.gov.ca.gov/instructions-for-completing-judicial-appointment-applications/</u>.

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