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THE SAN FRANCISCO BENCH APPOINTS A NEW COMMISSIONER TO SERVE IN THE UNIFIED FAMILY COURT

Family law attorney Mujdah Rahim was sworn in today to serve as the Court's sole commissioner, Court Executive Officer Brandon E. Riley announced after the swearing-in ceremony.

The San Francisco bench voted to appoint Rahim after a competitive recruitment to replace former Commissioner Bobby P. Luna, who is now a judge in San Francisco. Commissioner Rahim served as a Child Support Attorney for the Alameda County Department of Child Support Service since 2021 and has 15 years of legal expertise in the areas of family law, child support, domestic abuse and sexual assault, and complex financial litigation related to dissolution matters.

"Commissioner Rahim has demonstrated a deep commitment to enriching the lives of Bay Area families through her substantial experience in complex California family law, litigation and community involvement," Presiding Judge Rochelle C. East said. "The bench enthusiastically welcomes her to our Court where she will serve as the Child Support Commissioner."

A Court Commissioner serves as a subordinate judicial officer under the general

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direction of the Supervising Judge of the Unified Family Court. Commissioner Rahim will conduct hearings and conferences in family law proceedings with a primary assignment in the AB1058/Title IV-D Child Support Department.

"I am deeply honored and humbled to have been selected as a Commissioner for the San Francisco Superior Court," Commissioner Rahim said. "Having spent years working within the Title IV-D program, I understand the profound impact these proceedings have on children and families, and I am committed to administering the law with fairness, integrity, respect, and a steadfast dedication to equal access to justice."

A graduate of the University of California, Davis, with a bachelor's in international relations, Rahim earned her Juris Doctorate from Widener University School of Law in 2010. The following year, she joined the Family Violence Law Center in Oakland where she represented survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. In 2014, she served as Of Counsel with All for the Family Legal Clinic, Inc. in Castro Valley before opening her own law office specializing in complex family law matters, including child custody, spousal support, and property division.

Commissioner Rahim begins her judicial career after serving as a Child Support Attorney III in the Alameda County Department of Child Support Service, where she was responsible for a full range of complex and difficult litigation and other legal work in connection with the Child Support Program, including specialized handling of Uniform Interstate Family Support Act cases.

Her public service and volunteer experience includes legal work in the Solano

County Public Defender's Office. She also served as an advisory committee member to the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors; and advocated for equal access to education within the Mount Diablo Unified School District.

Until recently, she served as:

- Co-president of the Alameda County Family Law Association since January 2023; and
- Member of the California Child Support Directors Association, where she monitored proposed legislation impacting California families.

She previously served as a board member of the Family and Children's Trust and as a member of the ACBA Judicial Appointment Evaluation Committee; Alameda County Bar Association, Family Law Section; and the Robert G. McGrath American Inn of Court.

The Court Commissioner may be asked to serve as a temporary judge handling a variety of court matters, and upon stipulation of the parties, the Court Commissioner may sit as a Superior Court Judge Pro Tem. The Court Commissioner also is a non-voting member of the 12-member Executive Committee, which serves as the Court's Board of Directors.

The San Francisco bench is comprised of 52 judges and one commissioner.

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