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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: Superior Court of Alameda County announces new Judicial Mentor Program.

The Superior Court of Alameda County (Court) announced today the launch of its Judicial Mentor Program. Created in collaboration with the Office of Governor Gavin Newsom, this local trial court mentor program is part of a statewide initiative at both the trial and appellate level designed, as noted in the [Governor's July 1, 2021, press release](#), to “demystify the appellate and trial court application process and improve transparency and accessibility for all members of the legal community throughout California, fostering the development of a qualified and diverse judicial applicant pool.”

In launching this program, the Court joins the Office of the Governor, the Judicial Council of California, and the Chief Justice of California in recognizing our “duty to bring along new leaders to represent the diversity of our state on the bench.” Luis Céspedes, Governor Newsom’s Judicial Appointments Secretary and Executive Committee Member of the California Judicial Mentor Program, has stressed that such programs are “a critical step to ensuring equal access to judicial mentorship for attorneys considering applying to the bench.”

The Court’s program pairs local attorneys committed to public service with experienced judges who will help explain the judicial appointment process, answer questions about the application and vetting process, and suggest new skills and experiences to improve suitability for appointment.

The program will work with local and minority bar associations, nonprofit legal organizations, government lawyers, law firms, and solo practitioners, among others, to identify and encourage promising judicial candidates to apply for appointment. The goal will be to mentor those candidates in their development, thus creating a pipeline of highly qualified applicants eligible for judicial appointment.

To learn more about the program, visit the Alameda County Superior Court’s [Judicial Mentor Program page](#), and for ongoing information about the Court generally, please check our [website](#) and follow [@AlamedaSuperior](https://twitter.com/AlamedaSuperior) on Twitter.