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County of El Dorado**

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**El Dorado County Superior Court
New Court Commissioner Appointed**

Placerville, CA, February 26, 2024:

The El Dorado County Superior Court (Court) is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael H. Friel as Court Commissioner. After an extensive search and vetting by the entire bench, Mr. Friel was appointed by Presiding Judge, Honorable Vicki Ashworth. Mr. Friel will be based in Cameron Park, CA but will serve in all the courts in El Dorado County. He will specialize in cases involving Civil Case Management and Mandatory Settlement Conferences, Unlawful Detainers, Small Claims, Department of Child Support Services, Domestic Violence and Civil Harassment Restraining Orders, Family Law, Traffic, and Juvenile Infractions as well as overflow matters as assigned by the Presiding Judge.

Mr. Friel was most recently employed as the Director of Family Court Services & Self-Help at the Court where he assisted unrepresented litigants in Family Law, Small Claims, Probate, and Unlawful Detainers. Mr. Friel has served in this role since 2017. Additionally, he has acted as a Judge Pro Tem in Civil Case Management and Mandatory Settlement Conferences, Small Claims, and Traffic.

Prior to his employment with the Court, he worked as a Contract Attorney at the Lake County Superior Court from 2015-2017. Additionally, he worked as an Attorney practicing in various areas of the law from 1993-2013 and as a Professor at Yuba Community College instructing English and Political Science courses from 1994-2015.

Mr. Friel received his Juris Doctorate from Lewis and Clark, Northwestern School of Law after receiving a Master of Arts in English from the University of Virginia and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley.

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