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Mr. Mark Emmons has been selected by the judges of the Butte Superior Court to serve as a commissioner. He will fill the position vacated by Kurt W. Worley due to his transition to serving as the Executive Director of the Wildlife Heritage Foundation starting July 1, 2024.

Mr. Emmons will assume his responsibilities on July 29, 2024. A public investiture ceremony will be held on August 2, 2024 at 4:00 P.M. in Courtroom 1 of the North Butte County Courthouse in Chico.

Mr. Emmons received his Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Wayne State College in 2007 and his Juris Doctor degree from California Western School of Law in 2012. He was admitted to the State Bar of California in 2012. He began his legal career in Butte County in 2013, where he worked as a deputy district attorney. In 2017, Mr. Emmons began a teaching career at Chico High School, where he taught Advanced Placement United States History and an Introduction to Law class. He also served as a coach for the football team at Chico High School. In 2019, Mr. Emmons returned to the Butte County District Attorney's Office as a deputy district attorney. He presently serves the Office as a supervising deputy district attorney.

Mr. Emmons is well regarded in the local legal and education communities. His experience and good reputation prepare him well to serve the Butte Superior Court as a commissioner.

On the selection of Mr. Emmons, the Presiding Judge of the Butte Superior Court, the Honorable Michael R. Deems, comments, "All of the judicial officers at the Butte Superior Court are pleased to welcome Mr. Emmons as our newest commissioner. We know he will be a valued member of our Bench and serve our community with commitment and dedication."

The Butte Superior Court currently has 11 judge positions and 2 commissioner positions. Commissioner Emmons' initial assignment will be to preside over hearings for child support, small claims, traffic, family, unlawful detainer, civil harassment, and other matters as assigned.