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JUDGE CAROL L. HUBNER TAKES THE BENCH AS VENTURA SUPERIOR COURT'S NEWEST JUDGE

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VENTURA, CA—Judge Carol L. Hubner officially began her term today as Superior Court of California, County of Ventura's newest Judge, after having been appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom yesterday, May 7, 2025. This morning she took the oath of office which was administered by Presiding Judge Matthew P. Guasco. Judge Hubner fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Nancy Ayers.

Prior to her judicial appointment, Judge Hubner served as a Commissioner in the Family Law Department at the Ventura Superior Court since December 2024 and has been assigned to Department 34.

Before joining the Ventura Superior Court, Judge Hubner served as a Court Commissioner for the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara, beginning in September 2022, and presided over child support cases, custody and visitation matters, restraining orders, unlawful detainer and traffic cases. Prior to this role, she spent over 17 years as Child's Counsel at Kelly & Hubner, LLP, representing children in dependency proceedings and providing legal training to Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). From 2001 to 2005, as Deputy County Counsel for Santa Barbara County, Judge Hubner advised Child Welfare Services on all areas of dependency law, including adoptions and appellate work. In the initial stages of her career, she worked as a corporate associate at Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP, where she worked on intellectual property matters, and as a Naturalization Attorney with the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County, representing clients before the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Judge Hubner graduated from Santa Clara University School of Law (May 1998), where she made the Dean's List each year and where she received awards for her legal research and writing and for having the highest cumulative grade point average in the part-time division. Judge Hubner is a graduate of Stanford University where she holds bachelor's (June 1990) and master's (June 1991) degrees in Spanish Language and Literature.

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