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**KRISTY IMEL TO BE SWORN IN AS
SANTA BARBARA SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE
ON OCTOBER 10, 2023**

Santa Barbara, California, October 6, 2023—

Presiding Judge Pauline Maxwell is honored to welcome the newest member of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara, Kristy Imel.

On Thursday, October 5, 2023, Governor Newsom appointed Kristy Imel to the bench in Santa Maria, CA. Prior to joining the Court, Kristy Imel served as a Deputy District Attorney at the San Luis Obispo County District Attorney's Office since 2010. She was a Deputy District Attorney at the Merced County District Attorney's Office from 2007 to 2010. Imel was an Adjunct Professor at Merced College from 2008 to 2009. She earned a Juris Doctor degree from the Santa Barbara and Ventura Colleges of Law.

Judge Imel will be sworn into office on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at a 9:00 a.m. ceremony in Dept. 8, on the Santa Maria Court Campus located at 312 East Cook Street. Upon learning of Judge Imel's appointment, Presiding Judge Pauline Maxwell noted, "*Judge Imel will be an outstanding addition to the Santa Barbara Superior Court. Her tenure with the Merced and San Luis Obispo District Attorney's offices provides her with excellent experience in preparation for this new role. I join the voices of the entire Santa Barbara Superior Court in welcoming her to this new chapter in her career. The community will be well served by this appointment.*"

Imel fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Arthur Garcia.