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Contra Costa Superior Court Appoints Andrew R. Verriere as Commissioner

The Court is very pleased to announce the appointment of Andrew R. Verriere as Commissioner. Commissioner Verriere will assume his role on May 1, 2023. He will preside in Department 50, handling traffic, unlawful detainer, small claims, and domestic violence and civil harassment restraining order matters at the Walnut Creek and Richmond courthouses.

Commissioner Verriere comes to the Court following many years of experience as a trial and appellate litigator in civil and probate matters. Immediately prior to his appointment, Commissioner Verriere was a principal at Hartog, Baer, Zabronsky & Verriere APC, focusing on trust and estate litigation, conservatorship litigation, financial elder abuse, related litigation, and appeals. A highly-regarded speaker and instructor, he has presented to numerous trade organizations on topics of fiduciary duty, financial elder abuse, and discovery dispute resolution. Commissioner Verriere also volunteered as a past member of the Board of Directors of the Contra Costa County Bar Association and as a member of the Court's Temporary Judge program.

Mr. Verriere graduated from UC Berkeley School of Law and obtained his B.A. from the University of California, San Diego. He previously worked as an extern to Judge Richard Clifton of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in Honolulu.

Commissioner Verriere replaces Judge Palvir Shoker following her appointment to the bench. Beginning April 24, 2023, Judge Shoker will preside in Department 35 at the Richmond courthouse. Commissioner Jill Lifter (Department 54), currently presiding in the Walnut Creek and Richmond courthouses, will move to the Pittsburg courthouse effective May 8, 2023.

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