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Contra Costa Superior Court Appoints Jill J. Lifter as Commissioner

The Court is very pleased to announce the appointment of Jill J. Lifter as Commissioner. Commissioner Lifter assumed her role effective November 28, 2022. She presides over Department 54, handling traffic, unlawful detainer, small claims, and domestic violence and civil harassment restraining order matters at the Walnut Creek and Richmond courthouses. She replaces the Hon. Ayana Young, who was assigned to Department 26 following her appointment to the bench.

Commissioner Lifter earned her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Southern California and her Bachelor of Arts degree, *cum laude*, from University of California, Los Angeles. She was previously an associate, shareholder, and ultimately managing shareholder of Ryan & Lifter, specializing in civil litigation with a particular focus on complex matters. She has been a frequent author and speaker in seminars and publications concerning civil litigation and trials, construction defect matters, and insurance issues. She holds the highest "AV-Preeminent" rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

Commissioner Lifter also brings an extensive record of volunteer service. For nearly a decade while in private practice, she served in the Contra Costa Superior Court's Temporary Judge Program, hearing many of the same case types she now oversees in Department 54. For eight years, she was a volunteer in the Court Appointed Special Advocates program supporting abused and neglected children in the foster care system. In 1995, she received the State Bar of California Wiley W. Manuel Certificate for Pro Bono Legal Services, an award which recognizes the contributions of the those who volunteer their time and expertise on behalf of low-income clients.

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