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[California Confirms Four Appointments to the Third Appellate District](#)

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Following the recent retirement of Justices Scotland and Sims, as well as the elevation of Justice Tani Cantil Sakauye to the California Supreme Court, the California Commission on Judicial Appointments has [now confirmed](#) four appointments for the Third Appellate District. First, [Associate Justice Vance W. Raye](#), who has served on the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District since 1991, was confirmed as Presiding Justice. The Commission also confirmed three new associate justices for the Third Appellate District:

- [Judge Elena J. Duarte](#), who has served on the Superior Court of Sacramento County since 2008, having also served as a Superior Court Judge in Los Angeles (2007-2008), and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California (1994-2007).
- [Ms. Andrea Hoch](#), who has served as the Governor's Legal Affairs Secretary since 2005, having previously served as the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation (2004-2005) and in the Office of the Attorney General (1992-2004).
- [Judge William J. Murray, Jr.](#), who has served on the Superior Court of San Joaquin County since 1995.