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**Placer Superior Court Announces the  
Retirements of Hon. Eugene S. Gini, Jr. and Hon. Colleen M. Nichols and  
the Appointment of Christine S. Dehr as Court Commissioner**

The Placer Superior Court announces the retirements of Hon. Eugene S. Gini, Jr. and Hon. Colleen M. Nichols along with the appointment of Ms. Christine Suk Hi Dehr as Court Commissioner.

The Hon. Eugene S. Gini, Jr, who has served as the Assistant Presiding Judge since 2018, retired effective December 2, 2023. Judge Gini served as a member of the Bench in Placer County for the past 21 years. He was appointed as a Superior Court Judge by Governor Gray Davis in 2002 and has served as Assistant Presiding Judge since 2018. Judge Gini previously served as the Family Law Supervising Judge from 2002 to 2005 and 2011 to 2018.

The Hon. Colleen M. Nichols, who has served as the Juvenile Court Presiding Judge for the past 19 years, will retire on March 5, 2024. Judge Nichols was elected as a Superior Court Judge in 2005, after serving the prior 11 years as Court Commissioner in this Court. Judge Nichols will conclude her 30-year judicial career as a recognized leader among California juvenile justice jurists.

Hon. Alan V. Pineschi, Presiding Judge, stated "I cannot thank Judges Gini and Nichols enough for their many years of dedicated and professional public service to our community. Our court will greatly miss their outstanding commitment to fairness, to understanding and to the rule of law."

The Placer Superior Court also announces the appointment of Ms. Christine Suk Hi Dehr as Court Commissioner effective in 2024. Ms. Dehr has served the Placer Superior Court as a Senior Legal Research Attorney for the past 12 years. Prior to her current position, Ms. Dehr served as Deputy County Counsel for the Yuba County Counsel's Office. Ms. Dehr fills the Commissioner position vacancy resulting from the Hon. Melissa Begley's appointment as Superior Court Judge in October 2023.

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