

Governor appoints judges to Fresno, Tulare county benches

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A Fresno court commissioner was appointed Wednesday to the Fresno County Superior Court bench, and a Visalia lawyer was appointed to the Tulare County Superior Court by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr.

Kathleen A. Meehan, a Democrat, is a former deputy attorney general for the California Department of Justice. She has been serving as a court commissioner for Fresno County Superior Court since 2011.

Prior to that, Meehan was a shareholder at the Fresno law firm of Baker Manock & Jensen from 1994 to 2007.

She earned a juris doctor degree from the University of California, Davis, School of Law and a bachelor of arts degree from St. Mary's College in Moraga.

In Visalia, Nathan D. Ide, 45, who is registered without party preference, has been in private practice with his own law firm since 2007.

Previously he was a partner at Gubler and Ide from 2002 to 2006 and an associate at Hurlbutt Clevenger Long Rauber and Nelson from 1998 to 2001 and at the Law Offices of George W. Nowell from 1997 to 1998.

Ide earned a juris doctor degree from Santa Clara University School of Law and a bachelor of arts degree from the University of California at Berkeley. He replaces Judge Elisabeth B. Krant, who retired.

As judges, they will be paid \$181,292 annually.

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