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NEW COURT COMMISSIONER APPOINTED TO THE NAPA SUPERIOR COURT BENCH

NAPA, CA. Presiding Judge Elia Ortiz announced today the appointment of Myrlys Stockdale Coleman as the next Commissioner of the Napa Superior Court. She fills the vacancy created by the Honorable Scott R. L. Young being elevated from a commissioner to a judgeship.

Ms. Stockdale Coleman currently serves as the Assistant Chief Counsel for the Department of Consumer Affairs, a position held since January 2017. Prior to that, she served as a Special Assistant Inspector General for the Office of the Inspector General. From 2003 to 2015, Ms. Stockdale was the Managing Attorney of the Stockdale Law Firm, Inc. of El Dorado Hills, a boutique law firm specialized in family law. Both here and during her time in private practice, Ms. Stockdale Coleman served as court-appointed Minor's Counsel, court-approved Special Master, Mediator and as a Collaborative Divorce practitioner and member of the Sacramento Collaborative Practice Group. Ms. Stockdale also served as a Temporary Judge in family law and small claims matters in both the Superior Courts of Sacramento and Contra Costa Counties. Ms. Stockdale Coleman is a Certified Family Law Specialist, certified by the State Bar of California's Board of Legal Specialization.

Prior to becoming an attorney, Ms. Stockdale Coleman worked as a public affairs director and a newspaper reporter. She was the single mother of two young children who worked by day and attended law school at night before being admitted to the Bar in 2002. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and Political Science from Howard University and a Juris Doctor from the Lincoln Law School of Sacramento.

I am pleased to welcome Myrlys as our next Court Commissioner. She has an outstanding record of service and background that will make her a fantastic addition to the bench, said Presiding Judge Elia Ortiz.

Ms. Stockdale Coleman will join the Court in mid-March. Details regarding her investiture will be announced at a later date.

For any additional questions, please contact the Court Executive Office at 707-299-1100.

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