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Mr. Sharif Elmallah has been selected by the judges of the Butte County Superior Court to serve as Court Executive Officer, replacing Court Executive Officer Kimberly Flener who will retire from the Court in September.

Ms. Flener began her career with Butte County Superior Court in 2006 as an Executive Program Analyst. She was promoted to Assistant Court Executive Officer in January 2008, and subsequently appointed to Court Executive Officer in March 2010.

Under Ms. Flener's leadership, the Butte County Superior Court successfully completed the construction of the North Butte County Courthouse in Chico; deployed a new case management system; implemented eFiling, online case access including payment of fines and fees, and online juror services; deployed a queuing system at both Clerk's Office locations; and led numerous other technological advances and efficiency processes to ensure the Court's mission of providing exceptional, accessible and fair justice services to all. During her time as Court Executive Officer, Ms. Flener was appointed by the Chief Justice to serve two terms, totaling four years, on the Judicial Council. She also served on numerous statewide Advisory Committees and was the Chair of the Court Executives Advisory Committee. Ms. Flener is looking forward to spending her retirement with her husband, her kids and her grandchildren.

Mr. Elmallah will begin his employment with the Court on August 16, 2021, and will take over the Court Executive Officer responsibilities on August 30, 2021.

Mr. Elmallah has served the Glenn County Superior Court as its Court Executive Officer since 2019. He has helped guide the Court through the pandemic, facility moves and the start of

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the renovation of the Historic Courthouse in Willows, and various administrative and operational service model changes. Prior to working in Glenn, he served the Placer County Superior Court as its Principal Analyst and Juvenile Unit Manager and the Alameda County Superior Court as a Judicial Fellow through the Capital Fellows Programs.

Mr. Elmallah holds a Master's Degree in Criminology, Law and Society from the University of California, Irvine, a Master's Certificate in Judicial Administration from California State University, Sacramento, a Bachelor's Degree in Legal Studies from the University of California, Berkeley, and the Institute for Court Management's CCM and CCE certifications. He currently serves as faculty for the Court Management course in Sacramento State's Graduate Certificate in Judicial Administration Program and the Modern Court Governance course for the Institute for Court Management.

Mr. Elmallah has worked closely with the Butte County Superior Court on various collaborations in his past roles and looks forward to serving the Court and the people of Butte County directly, but will miss serving the Court and the people of Glenn County. He is thankful to the judges of both the Glenn and Butte Superior Courts for their confidence and support.