



**Superior Court of California
County of El Dorado**

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**El Dorado County Superior Court
Appointment and Swearing in of Stephanie Shirkey**

Placerville, CA, July 20, 2026:

On June 26, 2026, Stephanie Shirkey, was appointed to serve in an interim appointment as a Judge in the El Dorado County Superior Court by Governor Gavin Newsom. This appointment allows Shirkey to immediately assume the position she was otherwise elected to begin in January 2027. Shirkey will fill the vacancy left by the retirement of the Honorable Vicki Ashworth. She will be sworn in on August 05, 2026 in Department 1 of the Placerville Main Street Branch.

Shirkey has served as a Lead Attorney at the Third District Court of Appeal since 2023. She served as a Senior Research Attorney at the Sacramento County Superior Court from 2021 to 2023. Before that, she served as an In-House Counsel at the California Department of Health Care Services, Senior Policy and Compliance Counsel at the California Apartment Association, and Director of Legal and Regulatory Affairs at the California Association of Health Plans. She served as a Deputy and Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel at the Office of Legislative Counsel from 2006 to 2018. Shirkey has served as a temporary judge at the El Dorado County Superior Court since 2024, presiding over traffic, small claims, unlawful detainer, and probate matters.

Shirkey received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California College of the Law, San Francisco in 2006, and her Bachelor of Arts from University of California, Berkeley in 2003.

Shirkey has been assigned to Department 7 by Presiding Judge Michael J. McLaughlin where she will hear misdemeanor criminal matters.

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