



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

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### **El Dorado County Superior Court New Court Commissioner Appointed**

**Placerville, CA, January 17, 2023:**

The El Dorado County Superior Court is pleased to announce the appointment of Hana Balfour as Court Commissioner. After an extensive search and vetting by the entire bench, Ms. Balfour was appointed by our Presiding Judge. Ms. Balfour will be based in Placerville, CA but will serve in all the courts in El Dorado County. She will specialize in cases involving Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency, Guardianships, Child Support, Domestic Violence and Civil Harassment, and Traffic, as well as overflow matters as assigned by the Presiding Judge.

Ms. Balfour was most recently employed as the Managing Attorney with the Parent Advocates of Sacramento where she represented parents and children in all aspects of dependency proceedings for over 20 years. Ms. Balfour served on many committees contributing to court improvement, most significantly, participating in the establishment of the Sacramento Family Treatment Court and serving on its steering committee. Sacramento's Family Treatment Court is a model drug treatment court in the nation, and Ms. Balfour was a speaker at multiple presentations for courts from around the country towards their efforts to establish a treatment court. Ms. Balfour has organized and presented numerous Continuing Legal Education programs for dependency practitioners. She has also testified before the legislature regarding dependency related legislation. In addition to her court appointed work, Ms. Balfour's legal practice included probate guardianships, adoptions, family law and appellate work via appointment by the Central California Appellate Project. Prior to this employment, Ms. Balfour served in the Public Defender Office for the County of Sacramento.

Ms. Balfour received her Juris Doctorate from McGeorge School of Law and is a member of the Traynor Society having graduated with honors. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of California, Davis where she was also an All-American gymnast.

For more information, please visit the Court's website at <http://www.eldorado.courts.ca.gov>.

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