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## **Superior Court Announces New Court Commissioner**

San Diego Superior Court judges have selected attorney James T. Atkins to serve as a Court Commissioner. He took the oath of office on Friday, June 19, 2009.

Before joining the bench, Commissioner Atkins worked as an associate with Thorsnes, Bartolotta & McGuire.

A graduate of the California Western School of Law, Commissioner Atkins holds a

Bachelor's degree in English from San Diego State University. A US Navy veteran,

Commissioner Atkins served aboard a nuclear powered fast attack submarine during the Iranian hostage crisis and later aboard a San Diego-based amphibious assault ship.

He fills the position vacated by the retirement of Court Commissioner Carol M. Frausto.

Commissioners are attorneys selected by the judges of the Superior Court. The Commissioners are given powers to hear and make decisions concerning certain legal matters such a misdemeanors and traffic cases.

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