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Attorney Seibert sworn in as judge

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Newly appointed Tuolumne County Superior Court Judge Kevin M. Seibert does not consider himself a workaholic.

However, the 56-year-old former partner at Downey Brand LLP, who appeared in Sacramento Magazine's 2015 "Top Lawyer List" in numerous different areas of expertise, did spend his final hours as a lawyer Friday morning before being sworn in at 4 p.m. at the historic Tuolumne County Courthouse in Sonora, finishing up on last-minute settlements and agreements.

"One of my things I've prided myself is taking good care of my clients," said Seibert. "I don't want them to feel they are been shortchanged because I am taking this position."

Seibert, who will officially take office on Monday, brings close to 30 years of courtroom experience, specializing in business litigation matters, to Tuolumne County Superior Court.

Although he is looking forward to the challenge, he acknowledges the transition ahead.

"It's a bittersweet experience walking away from something that you've spent so much time developing relationships with clients and professional skills," said Seibert. "I am looking forward to the new challenge."

One major focus for Seibert, who will take over for retiring Judge Eleanor Provost and will run for reelection in 2018, is to ensure that he is fair and others feel as if their case, no matter the size, is important to him.

"It's important that the person that comes into the court feels that I did my homework," said Seibert. "I want others to feel like I was prepared, they were heard and that they were treated with respect. That's all anyone can hope for when they go to court."

Although Provost will be retiring, she said she will return occasionally as a guest judge. At this point, she is unsure of what lies ahead.

"I haven't altogether figured it out," said Provost. "I want to spend more time with my family."

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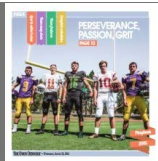
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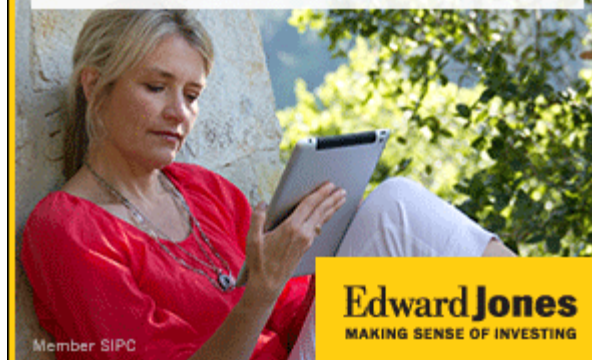


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