

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
Eastern District of California
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Chief Bankruptcy Judge

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Re: Appointment of the Clerk of the Court

An Open Letter to the Bar:

As you know, Wayne Blackwelder, our dear friend and faithful Clerk of the Court, will retire on February 28, 2025.

Though we will miss Wayne, I am pleased to inform you that we have selected his replacement; effective March 1, 2025, Scott Yach will be the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court. Though he has never worked for the federal judiciary, Scott has an impressive resume. For the last decade, he has worked for VSPOne, an ophthalmic manufacturing facility that manufactures prescription eyewear in Sacramento. During his tenure at that company, he has worked his way from Maintenance Manager to Production Manager to Lab Director. He presently supervises 230 other employees, including three managers and 11 supervisors. Prior to that, Scott served 20 years in the U.S. Navy, including serving as a Lt. Commander on a nuclear submarine. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Marquette University.

Scott will start in late January 2025, and will shadow Wayne Blackwelder for about 30 days prior to Wayne's actual retirement. During that time, we will make every effort to introduce Scott to the members of the bankruptcy community up and down the district and to our many friends in other bankruptcy courts, district court, and the circuit.

Many people, both within and without of the court, worked hard to ensure that we select the most qualified applicant. The bench notes, and thanks, the skillful and diligent labors of the Ranking Committee, who undertook the laborious process of the initial interview of candidates. That committee was comprised of: Hagop Bedoyan (chair), attorney, Fresno; Megan Dunning, Team Leader, Bankruptcy Court Eastern District of California, Sacramento; Lilian Tsang, Chapter 13 trustee, Modesto; Teri Wegemer, paralegal for Chapter 13 trustee David Cusick, Sacramento; Walter Dahl, attorney and Subchapter V trustee, Granite Bay; Mark Zimmerman, attorney, Hanford; Loris Bakken, Chapter 7 trustee, Lodi; and Pauldeep Bains, attorney, Roseville. We also wish to thank and commend the diligent and skillful efforts of Jessica Dallas, Human Resources Officer for the district, for her efforts in publicizing the position, advising the Ranking Committee and judges, and assisting applicants navigate the shoals of the federal hiring process.

As a bench, we expect great things from Scott. Please join me in welcoming him to the Eastern District of California.

Sincerely,



Fredrick E. Clement
Chief Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court