

Salazar appointed Superior Court judge

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SANTA CRUZ — John Salazar was appointed a Santa Cruz County Superior Court judge on Wednesday. The 42-year-old Salazar has worked as a Superior Court

commissioner since his 1992 appointment to that office.

In his judicial officer duties, Salazar has presided over criminal, civil, family law, dependency and

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probate cases.

He worked in private practice from 1989 to 1992 with the law firms Grunsky, Ebey, Farrar & Howell and Salazar and Haselton. During those years, Salazar dealt with criminal and civil cases.

Before his private practice years, Salazar worked as an assistant district attorney for Santa Cruz County between 1987 and 1989, prosecuting felony and misdemeanor offenses.

He worked as a Santa Cruz County deputy probation officer before becoming an attorney, from 1981 to 1987.

Salazar has served on the Santa Cruz County Juvenile Justice and Prevention Commission, the Board of Directors of the Monterey College of Law and the Youth Resource Bank. He currently serves on the board of directors of Salud Para la Gente.

The vacancy Salazar will fill was created by the departure of Judge Richard McAdams, who was elected to the Superior Court.

Salazar is a resident of Aptos.