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DEL NORTE SUPERIOR COURT ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

December 15, 2023:

The judges of the Del Norte Superior Court are pleased to announce the appointment of Lesley Plunkett-Field as Court Executive Officer effective March 4, 2024.

Ms. Plunkett-Field's appointment comes after the current Court Executive Officer, Esperanza Esparza, announces her retirement after 28 years of service with the court. Ms. Esparza's service to Del Norte has encompassed many challenging and rewarding situations. She states, "It has been a pleasure to serve this community and provide access to justice with the ever changing court system as it relates to legislative driven processes and procedures."

Lesley Plunkett-Field's began her service with the Court in 2001 as the Judicial Assistant to now retired Hon. Philip Schafer. In 2004, she earned the title of Human Resources Specialist followed by her title as Human Resources Manager in 2006. She was promoted to Assistant Court Executive Officer in 2021. "Lesley has demonstrated strong leadership and management capabilities. Not only does she have great in-depth knowledge of the courts and its systems, she is a highly skilled communicator. Our community will benefit from her exceptional leadership to provide access to justice," said Ms. Esparza.

Ms. Plunkett-Field is very well known in our community as an integral member of Rotary International and many other charitable organizations.

New to the role but not the organization, incoming Court Executive Officer Lesley Plunkett-Field is excited to get started.