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The Merced Superior Court Welcomes Monika S. Donabed to the Bench

In a ceremony held on Friday, January 3, 2025, Honorable Monika Saini Donabed was sworn into the Merced County Superior Court Bench by Judge Brian L. McCabe.

Judge Donabed earned her Juris Doctor degree from UC Davis School of Law.

Judge Donabed was previously a Staff Attorney III at Merced Superior Court since 2016. She was a Deputy District Attorney in Stanislaus County from 2014 to 2016. Judge Donabed was also a Deputy District Attorney in Merced County from 2009 to 2014.

Donabed was elected as Superior Court Judge by Merced County voters in March 2024, with her term beginning January 6, 2025. Judge Donabed is the first judge of Indian descent, first South Asian judge, and the first Asian female judge in Merced County history.

The Superior Court is pleased to welcome Judge Donabed to the Bench. Her experience, knowledge and demeanor will be a great asset to the Court and the people of Merced County.

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