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Governor Schwarzenegger Appoints Three to Solano County Superior Court

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today announced the appointment of Robert C. Fracchia, Alesia F. Jones and Earl Bradley Nelson to a judgeship in the Solano County Superior Court.

Fracchia, 54, of Vacaville, has served as a commissioner with the Solano County Superior Court since 2005. He was a sole practitioner from 1997 to 2005. Previously, Fracchia was a partner with Dobbins, Weir, Thompson and Stephenson from 1988 to 1997 and was an associate with Diepenbrock, Wulff, Plant and Hannegan in 1983. Fracchia was a deputy public defender with the Solano County Public Defender's Office from 1984 to 1988 and from 1979 to 1980. From 1980 to 1983, he was a partner with the Law Office of Ichikawa and Fracchia. Fracchia earned a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of California, Davis School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Irvine. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Michael E. Nail. Fracchia is a Democrat.

Jones, 43, of Oakland, has been an assistant city attorney with the Vallejo City Attorney's Office since 1994. She previously was a deputy city attorney with the Berkeley City Attorney's Office in 1994 and was an associate with Long & Levit LLP from 1991 to 1994. Jones earned a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley. Jones fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge R. Michael Smith. Jones is a Democrat.

Nelson, 56, of Davis, has been a court commissioner since 2007. He was a sole practitioner from 1999 to 2007. Previously, Nelson worked as a partner with Hagler & Nelson from 1990 to 1999 and Power, Hagler & Nelson from 1982 to 1990. Nelson was a deputy public defender with the Solano County Public Defender's Office from 1980 to 1982 and a law clerk then associate with Honeychurch, Finkas and Villarreal in 1980. He earned a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of California, Davis School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Santa Cruz. He fills the vacancy created by the conversion of a court commissioner position on June 30, 2008. Nelson is registered decline-to-state.

The compensation for each position is \$178,789.