

## PRESS RELEASE

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## NEW PROBATE COURTROOM OPENS AT THE FONTANA COURTHOUSE

**FONTANA, CA**— San Bernardino Superior Court (SBSC) is excited to announce the expansion of the Probate division beginning on Monday, March 6, 2023, in the Fontana Courthouse.

With the probate workload increasing by 43% over the last five years, SBSC has unique challenges to accommodate our current and future growth, considering our limited available space throughout the county. In addition to providing enhanced access in Fontana, this addition will improve caseloads and service to the probate community.

Department F5 in the Fontana Courthouse will hear all guardianship and public administrator matters. New hearings will be scheduled after February 14, 2023, and heard after the transition on March 6, 2023, for appearance in the Fontana Courthouse.

"Since state funding for our court has improved, we continue to seek ways to expand services throughout our county to provide improved access for all court users," said Presiding Judge R. Glenn Yabuno.

"Providing access to additional services like the on-site children's waiting room and the self-help resources available in the Fontana Courthouse will enhance the support the court can provide to some of our most vulnerable community members," said Supervising Probate Judge Michelle H. Gilleece.

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