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HONORABLE HOLLY A. THOMAS

Hon. Holly A. Thomas is a judge on the Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles. She was appointed by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. in 2018. Before becoming a judge, Ms. Thomas was the deputy director of executive programs at the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, the nation's largest state civil rights agency. She was appointed by Governor Brown in 2016. From 2015 to 2016, Ms. Thomas served as Special Counsel to the Solicitor General at the New York State Attorney General's Office, representing the state of New York and state agencies in a wide variety of matters. Prior to that, she spent five years as a senior attorney in the Appellate Section of the Civil Rights Division at the United States Department of Justice, where she represented the United States in education, voting, religious freedom, disability rights, employment, USERRA, immigration, and criminal matters, and provided counsel on cases raising issues of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. She also served, from 2005 to 2010, as an assistant counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., where she was an Arthur Liman Fellow from 2005 to 2006. Ms. Thomas served as a law clerk for the Honorable Kim McLane Wardlaw on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 2004 to 2005. She graduated from Stanford University with honors and distinction in 2000, and from Yale Law School in 2004.