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## SAN BERNARDINO SUPERIOR COURT RELEASES ITS 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REPORT

**SAN BERNARDINO, CA**—The San Bernardino Superior Court (SBSC) is pleased to announce the release of its <u>2021 Annual Report</u>. The report highlights the court's challenges and accomplishments, including significant steps taken to restore court services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2021, SBSC restored most services with safety measures in place despite the budget challenges and severe understaffing experienced during Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21. SBSC is on the road to recovery with the restoration of court funding in FY 2020-21 and additional one-time backlog funding to address the operational impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Vacancies, retirements, and the wave of workplace impacts affected numerous services to all court users. SBSC is actively filling vacancies and restoring public services to pre-pandemic levels while addressing critical backlog. During the worst of the pandemic, SBSC continued to find creative ways to increase access to justice. SBSC continues to implement remote options such as an appointment scheduler for the clerk's office, online payment options, live-streaming proceedings, electronic document access, video conferencing, and other remote services online.

"The judges, commissioners, and staff of the San Bernardino Superior Court are dedicated to providing and improving access to justice for our community in these challenging times," said Presiding Judge R. Glenn Yabuno. "The court is continually searching for ways to improve our court services through new and enhanced technology so that we may better serve the residents of the largest geographic county in the United States. As we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, we remain committed to upholding our fundamental values of fair administration of justice and improved access to justice for our community."

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