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SANTA CLARA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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Andrew S. Lee graduated from the University of California, Davis in 2009. He was also a student staff writer for the Davis Dateline. In 2013, Mr. Lee received his law degree from Loyola Law School at the Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. While there he also served as a student attorney for the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, Domestic Violence Clinic.

Mr. Lee comes to this Office after serving as an Army officer for the past eight years. As of 2021, he was assigned to the U.S. Army Trial Defense Service, Korea and Japan Field Office at Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea where he represented U.S. Army soldiers stationed in Korea and Japan in criminal and administrative matters through all phases of military justice. As a defense attorney, Mr. Lee represented soldiers charged with offenses including sexual assault, assault, and domestic violence.

In 2020, Mr. Lee was senior military magistrate and chief of national security law division at Fort Shafter in Honolulu, Hawaii. He reviewed requests for search warrants on military installations and pretrial confinement decisions by commanders and managed the duty roster of other military magistrates. Mr. Lee mentored five other military magistrates and led a section of the National Security Law attorneys in advising on international and operational law for the 8th Theater Sustainment Command Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

In 2018, Mr. Lee was a brigade trial counsel for the 130th Engineer Brigade at Schofield Barracks in Wahiawa, Hawaii. While assigned to the Brigade Legal Section, he served as a legal advisor and prosecutor for all cases involving soldiers within a unit of 1,800 personnel. Mr. Lee was an administrative law attorney for the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate in the National Training Center in Fort Irwin in 2016. While there, he advised over 30 commanders and appointed investigating officers regarding army administrative investigations, ensuring the completion and processing of over 200 investigations. In 2015, he was a legal assistant attorney for the 75th Legal Operations Detachment in Mountain View.

In 2014, Mr. Lee was a deputy county counsel for the Lake County Counsel's Office representing the Adult Protective and Child Welfare services in Lakeport.

Mr. Lee is married to his wife, Christine, from San Jose. They have a son, Gabriel, who was born in 2022 last year in Korea. In his free time, he enjoys reading, playing tennis with his wife, long distance running, picking away at his guitar, or working on his collection of Batman comics that he's curated since the age of seven.

Coming to this Office from Japan and Korea after and all the many years of military service, Mr. Lee has returned to the county where both he and his wife were raised. He was brought up in Cupertino by his two Taiwanese-born parents. Mr. Lee said: "It feels like a homecoming, and even more special to do this type of work here."