**2024 Judicial Council Member Bios**

(New and Reappointed)

**NEW MEMBERS**

**Hon. Bunmi O. Awoniyi (Voting Member)**

Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Sacramento County

Term: September 15, 2024−September 14, 2026

Judge Bunmi O. Awoniyi was appointed to the Superior Court of Sacramento County in 2012 by Governor Edmund G. “Jerry” Brown, Jr., and she currently serves in the Sacramento court as the presiding judge. She also served as the supervising judge for family law and probate for four years before becoming the assistant presiding judge in 2022. Before her appointment to the bench, Judge Awoniyi was a certified family law specialist and maintained a family law practice in Sacramento for 18 years.

Judge Awoniyi serves as Primary Orientation faculty for the Judicial Council’s Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) and has taught numerous other CJER courses at the Family Law Institute, Domestic Violence Institute, and the Cow County Judges Institute. She is a member of the council’s Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee and Family Law Curriculum Committee. She also teaches and mentors future lawyers as an adjunct professor at Lincoln Law School. In 2018, Judge Awoniyi was awarded Judge of the Year by the Wiley Manual Bar Association. In 2024, she received the Bernard S. Jefferson Judge of the Year award from the California Association of Black Lawyers.

Judge Awoniyi received a bachelor of laws degree from Essex University and a master of laws degree from the University of Leicester in England. She completed the vocational training for a barrister at law from the Inns of Court School of Law in London and was called to the Bar of England and Wales as a barrister at law in 1988. Judge Awoniyi received the Pegasus International Lawyer Scholarship for Young Lawyers from the American and English Inns of Court, initiating her California legal career.

**Hon. Stacy E. Boulware Eurie (Voting Member)**

Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District (Sacramento)

Term: September 15, 2024−September 14, 2027

Justice Stacy E. Boulware Eurie was confirmed as an associate justice of the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, in August 2022, following her appointment by Governor Gavin Newsom. Previously, she served on the Superior Court of Sacramento County for 15 years, presiding over civil, criminal, and appellate matters, and as presiding judge of the juvenile court from 2010 to 2018.

Prior to working in the trial court, Justice Boulware Eurie was Senior Assistant Attorney General, the statewide head of the Government Law Section at the Office of the Attorney General, where she was counsel to the state’s constitutional officers and the California court. Justice Boulware Eurie also served as an associate attorney at Rothschild Wishek & Sands LLP from 1996 to 2000.

For over 10 years, Justice Boulware Eurie has served as faculty for the Judicial Council’s Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) on a wide range of subject matter and leadership development courses, including leading CJER's efforts in the creation of new substantive content on water and environmental law. Justice Boulware Eurie has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Sacramento County Bar Association Judge of the Year for 2020, the Chief Probation Officers of California Judge of the Year for 2015, the California Judges Association Juvenile Court Judge of the Year in 2014, and the Wiley Manuel Bar Association Judge of the Year in 2010 and 2022.

Justice Boulware Eurie received a bachelor’s degree from the University of California, Los Angeles and a juris doctor degree from the University of California, Davis.

**Hon. Tamara L. Wood (Voting Member)**

Assistant Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Shasta County

Term: September 15, 2024−September 14, 2027

Judge Tamara L. Wood was appointed by Governor Edmund G. “Jerry” Brown, Jr., in 2016 to the Superior Court of Shasta County, where she currently serves as the assistant presiding judge. She has presided over criminal, civil, and probate matters as well as numerous jury trials. Prior to her appointment to the bench, she worked as the court’s general counsel, supervising research attorneys and representing and advising the court in all aspects of judicial administration. Judge Wood began her legal career as a deputy district attorney and later transitioned into civil practice. She worked in civil litigation as a partner at the law firm Reiner, Simpson, Slaughter & Wood LLP, which specialized in personal injury and employment law.

Judge Wood is a mentor judge in the Small and Rural Court Judicial Mentorship Program. She currently serves as chair of the Judicial Council’s Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee and previously served as a member of the committee’s Ad Hoc Committee on Civil Remote Appearance Rules and the Gender Identity and Judicial Council Forms Working Group.

Judge Wood received a bachelor’s degree from the University of California, Chico and a juris doctor degree from Cal Northern School of Law.

**Mr. Craig M. Peters (Voting Member)**

Attorney at Law, San Francisco

Term: September 15, 2024−September 14, 2027

Mr. Craig M. Peters is a partner and trial attorney at Altair Law. He handles complex and catastrophic cases involving severe injury or death. He has experience dealing with product defects, dangerous property conditions, vehicle and machine accidents, and professional negligence. He has extensive trial experience representing families and individuals who are union members and laborers, service industry workers, and white-collar professionals. He was previously a criminal defense attorney for 13 years, trying a range of cases from misdemeanors to felonies. During the last three years of his criminal defense work, Mr. Peters was the director of training for the San Francisco Public Defender’s Office.  
  
In addition to teaching trial skills at UC Law San Francisco and University of San Francisco School of Law, Mr. Peters has been a professor of constitutional law and evidence at San Francisco Law School. He has served as the president of the Consumer Attorneys of California and is the incoming president of the Council of Presidents for the American Association for Justice. He is a member of the International Society of Barristers and the American College of Trial Lawyers, and he currently serves as the dean of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and as national treasurer for the American Board of Trial Advocates.

**Hon. Khymberli S. Apaloo (Advisory Member)**

Judge, Superior Court of San Bernardino County

Term: September 15, 2024−September 14, 2025

Judge Khymberli S. Apaloo is appointed to the council as the president-elect of the California Judges Association (CJA). She was appointed to the Superior Court of San Bernardino County by Governor Edmund G. “Jerry” Brown, Jr., in 2013.

Judge Apaloo previously served as vice president of CJA. She cochaired CJA’s Elimination of Bias and Inequality in the Judiciary Committee and chaired the Court Administration and Technology Committee. Judge Apaloo also served as a member of the Judicial Council’s Implicit Bias Product Work Group.

Judge Apaloo has received several recognitions and awards, including the Judicial Officer of the Year by Consumer Attorneys of Inland Empire, the Legendary Champions of Justice Award from the California Association of Black Lawyers, and the Access to Justice Award from the Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino. She received a juris doctor degree from NYU Law.

**Hon. Joan K. Irion (Advisory Member)**

Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division One (San Diego)

Term: September 15, 2024−September 14, 2027

Justice Joan K. Irion was confirmed as a justice of the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division One, in September 2003, following her appointment by Governor Gray Davis. Previously, she served on the Superior Court of San Diego County, and before the bench, she worked in private practice for more than 20 years specializing in tax and business litigation.

Justice Irion devotes substantial time to civics education for youth and to the improvement of California’s courts through her work on behalf of self-represented litigants, and she frequently serves as a lecturer for judicial courses and continuing education classes for the appellate bar. She currently serves on the Judicial Council’s Appellate Advisory Committee as vice-chair. She served as president of the California Association of Young Lawyers Association and as a member of the National Association of Women Judges Board of Directors, State Bar Board of Governors, the Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission, and the American Bar Association House of Delegates. She is a lifetime member of the American Law Institute.

Justice Irion received an undergraduate degree from the University of California, Davis, a master’s degree in public administration from San Diego State University, and a juris doctor degree from King Hall School of Law at UC Davis.

**Hon. Lisa M. Rogan (Advisory Member)**

Presiding Judge, Superior Court of San Bernardino County

Term: September 15, 2024−September 14, 2025

Judge Lisa M. Rogan currently serves as presiding judge of the Superior Court of San Bernardino County, where she was appointed as a judge in 2013 by Governor Edmund G. “Jerry” Brown, Jr. Prior to her current role, Judge Rogan served as the assistant presiding judge of the court and has been active in other leadership roles within the court, including as supervising judge of the Victorville and Rancho Cucamonga Districts and of the San Bernardino Justice Center’s Criminal Division. She is a member of the Judicial Council’s Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee and its Executive Committee and was previously a member of the Appellate Advisory Committee and the Court Security Advisory Committee.

Judge Rogan previously served as a supervising deputy district attorney for the San Bernardino County District Attorney’s Office, a sergeant with the Pomona Police Department, and a deputy for the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department. She received a juris doctor degree from the University of La Verne College of Law and later returned to serve as an adjunct professor there.

**Hon. Ryan Davis (Advisory Member)**

Commissioner, Superior Court of Sacramento County

Term: September 15, 2024−September 14, 2026

Commissioner Ryan Davis joined the Superior Court of Sacramento County in 2023. He initially presided over traffic, small claims, and unlawful detainer cases, and now presides over a family law department. Prior to the bench, Commissioner Davis served as a Deputy Attorney General at California’s Department of Justice, where he represented Californians in a variety of complex legal cases, including work surrounding constitutional and statutory law, government operations, elections, state mandates, criminal law, and firearms. Before that, he spent a decade representing men and women on California’s death row in postconviction proceedings, including at the Office of the State Public Defender and at the Federal Public Defender’s Office for the Central District of California.

As an adjunct professor at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, Commissioner Davis teaches a course on capital punishment and related constitutional issues. He received a juris doctor degree from Berkeley Law in 2009.

**REAPPOINTED MEMBERS**

**Hon. Brad R. Hill (Voting Member)**

Administrative Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District (Fresno)

Term: September 15, 2024−September 14, 2027

Justice Brad R. Hill serves as the administrative presiding justice of the Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District. Before his appointment to the Court of Appeal in 2006, Justice Hill was a judge in the Superior Court of Fresno County. While at the Fresno court, he served as presiding judge (2003−2004), assistant presiding judge (2000−2002), and a member of the court’s Executive Committee (1998−2006). Before his appointment to the bench, Justice Hill was a partner at McCormick, Barstow, Sheppard, Wayte & Carruth LLP, specializing in civil litigation.

Justice Hill previously served as a member of the Judicial Council as a trial judge (2000−2003) and then as an appellate justice (2007−2010). Throughout his judicial career, Justice Hill has served on many of the Judicial Council’s committees and workgroups. He currently chairs the Court Facilities Advisory Committee, which provides oversight of the judicial branch construction program for trial and appellate courts throughout the state.

Justice Hill is also active in judicial education, having contributed to several subcommittees of the council’s Center for Judicial Education and Research. He was on the Alumni Board of Governors for both Hastings College of the Law and Fresno State University. In addition, he has served on the Board of Directors for the Fresno County Law Library, Fresno County Young Lawyers Association, and the Fresno Regional Foundation. [More >>](https://www.courts.ca.gov/4019.htm)

**Hon. Carin T. Fujisaki (Voting Member)**

Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Division Three (San Francisco)

Term: September 15, 2024−September 14, 2025

Justice Carin T. Fujisaki was appointed as the first Asian American woman justice to the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, in October 2018 by Governor Edmund G. “Jerry” Brown, Jr. Before joining Division Three of the First Appellate District, Justice Fujisaki spent 28 years at the California Supreme Court. In that capacity, Justice Fujisaki provided advice and counsel to former Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye in her administration of the judicial branch and advised the court in its rule-making authority, oversight of the State Bar of California, and powers of appointment. Prior to that, Justice Fujisaki served as a judicial staff attorney for Justice Marvin R. Baxter from 1991 to 2014.

Justice Fujisaki has served the judicial branch and the public in various capacities. Governor Brown previously appointed her to the Advisory Panel for the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program, and before that, Governor Gray Davis nominated her as the first Asian American member of the Board of Directors of the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. Justice Fujisaki also served on the State Bar Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation and has been active in programs fostering mentorship of law students and attorneys.

Justice Fujisaki received a bachelor’s degree from the University of California, Los Angeles and a juris doctor degree from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law and served as an associate editor on *Hastings Law Journal*. [More](https://www.courts.ca.gov/42184.htm)

**Hon. Maria D. Hernandez (Voting Member)**

Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Orange County

Term: September 15, 2024−September 14, 2027

Judge Maria D. Hernandez was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2009 to the Superior Court of Orange County, where she currently serves as the presiding judge. Prior to serving on the bench, she worked as a senior deputy public defender in Orange County.

Judge Hernandez served as presiding judge of the Orange juvenile court, from 2014 to 2018, where she created and presided over the dedicated court, addressing commercially sexually exploited children. She also cochaired the Orange County Committee relating to boys in the child welfare system. She recently launched a Young Adult Court, which addresses the special needs of emerging adults charged with felonies in the criminal justice system.

Judge Hernandez has served on numerous Judicial Council committees, including as the chair of the Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee and a member of the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee. She also served on the council’s Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness and as a longstanding faculty member for the Center for Judicial Education and Research. Judge Hernandez received a Distinguished Service Award in 2016.

Judge Hernandez received a bachelor’s degree from the University of California, Irvine and a juris doctor degree from Western State College of Law.

**Hon. Judith K. Dulcich (Voting Member)**

Judge, Superior Court of Kern County

Term: September 15, 2024−September 14, 2027

Judge Judith K. Dulcich was appointed to the Superior Court of Kern County in 2007 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. She currently presides over felony cases in the criminal division and before that presided in the family law division. She also served as resident judge of a regional court and had seven years of experience handling all administrative duties and all calendars ranging from felony and misdemeanor criminal, traffic, family law, small claims, unlawful detainer, and limited civil.

Judge Dulcich currently serves on the Judicial Council’s Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness and as liaison to the State Bar’s Council on Access and Fairness. She previously served on the council’s Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee and the Pretrial Reform Operations Workgroup.

**Hon. Kyle S. Brodie (Advisory Member)**

Judge, Superior Court of San Bernardino County

Term: September 15, 2024−September 14, 2025

Judge Kyle S. Brodie was appointed to the Superior Court of San Bernardino County in 2006 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Prior to his appointment, he worked for 12 years as a deputy attorney general in the California Attorney General’s Office.

Judge Brodie has presided over civil, juvenile, criminal, habeas corpus, probate, small claims, unlawful detainer, and traffic calendars. He has served as a supervising judge and is chair of his court's technology committee as well as a member of the court’s executive and budget committees. Before joining the Judicial Council, he served on the council’s Information Technology Advisory Committee. He has also presented courses on new developments in California criminal law at the California Judges Association’s conferences.

Judge Brodie received a bachelor’s degree from the University of California, Riverside and a juris doctor degree from Southwestern Law School.