



Superior Court of California

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VENTURA SUPERIOR COURT SELECTS NEW COMMISSIONER

The judges of the Ventura Superior Court have announced the selection of Kristi J. Peariso as the court's newest commissioner. She fills the vacancy created by the passing of Commissioner Judith D. Rhodes in March of 2021. Ms. Peariso will be joining the court on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

Ms. Peariso has been practicing criminal law for over 24 years. She has experience handling all types of criminal cases, including juvenile matters. She is currently a defense attorney and sole practitioner who represents both private clients and those appointed to the Conflict Defense Associates by the court. Prior to that, she was a Deputy Public Defender for the counties of Mendocino, Santa Barbara and Ventura.

Ms. Peariso is a graduate of the University of California, Santa Barbara, and earned her law degree from California Western School of Law.

Superior Court Commissioners hear matters including, but not limited to, Family Law, Juvenile Delinquency and Dependency, Child Support Services, Domestic Violence, Civil Harassment, Traffic, Criminal and Small Claims. They are required to have been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of California for at least ten years and serve at the pleasure of a majority of the court judges.

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