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## WOMEN JUDGES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT COUNTY OF VENTURA



## HISTORICAL TIMELINE

1982 to 2018

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# Ventura County Women Judges – History – Superior Court

**Judge Melinda A. Johnson**  
 Appointed by Governor Edmund Gerald Brown Jr. to Ventura Superior Court on 12/31/82 and becomes the **FIRST** woman appointed to Ventura Superior Court Bench



1982

**Judge Barbara A. Lane**  
 Appointed to Ventura Superior Court by Governor Gray Davis in 7/88



1988

**Judge Colleen Toy White**  
 Elected to the Superior Court on 6/7/94 and subsequently appointed to Ventura Superior Court by Governor Pete Wilson on 10/28/94



1994

**Judge Tari L. Cody**  
 Appointed to Ventura Superior Court by Gov. Gray Davis on 12/28/00 and begins assignment on same day



2000

**Judge Melinda A. Johnson**  
 Retires on 09/27/02



2002

**Judge Patricia M. Murphy**  
 Appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to Ventura Superior Court on 3/9/06 and begins her assignment on 4/7/06



2006

**Judge Ellen Gay Conroy**  
 Appointed to Ventura Superior Court by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on 7/21/08 and begins assignment on same date



2008

**Judge Nancy L. Ayers**  
 Appointed to Ventura Superior Court by Gov. Schwarzenegger on 9/9/09 and begins assignment on 10/19/09



2009

**Judge Ellen Gay Conroy**  
 Retires on 10/31/13



2013

**Judge Barbara A. Lane**  
 Retires on 11/30/13



2013

**Judge Rebecca S. Riley**  
 Retires on 12/15/13



2013

**Judge Michele M. Castillo**  
 Appointed to Ventura Superior Court by Governor Edmund Gerald Brown Jr. on 6/28/16 and is the first Latina judge to serve on the Ventura Superior Court Bench



2016

**Judge Colleen Toy White**  
 Retires on 10/28/17



2017

**Judge JoAnn Johnson**  
 Appointed to the bench by Governor Edmund Gerald Brown Jr. on 11/01/17



2017

**Judge Ronda J. McKaig**  
 Appointed to Ventura Superior Court by Gov. Edmund Gerald Brown, Jr. on 7/23/18 and begins assignment on 8/20/18



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