



Superior Court of California

COUNTY OF VENTURA
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Michael D. Planet
Executive Officer/Clerk
and Jury Commissioner

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BRENDA L. MCCORMICK SELECTED AS NEW VENTURA SUPERIOR COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The judges of the Ventura Superior Court have selected Brenda L. McCormick as the court's new Executive Officer. She replaces Michael D. Planet, who will retire on May 31, 2021, after serving 20 years as the court's head administrator.

The court executive officer acts under the direction of the presiding judge and is responsible for overseeing the management and administration of the nonjudicial operations of the court. This includes budget, contracts, human resources, jury management, technology, records management, facilities, and liaison with other government agencies. The court executive officer is also the Clerk of the Court and Jury Commissioner.

Most recently, Ms. McCormick was the Ventura Superior Court's General Counsel providing legal counsel to the court in administrative matters and the Deputy Executive Officer responsible for the personnel and daily operations in the Civil, Small Claims & Appeals Clerk's Office; Family Law Clerk's Office; Family Court Services; Legal Research; Family Law Facilitator and Civil Self-Help units. She also oversaw the Mental Health Hearing Officers/Temporary Judges and Civil Case Management Attorney.

From 2005 to 2011, she was the Managing Attorney for the Ventura Superior Court, overseeing the Legal Research attorneys, Family Law Facilitator, and Civil Self-Help and Civil Case Management Attorney.

Prior to joining the court, Ms. McCormick was an Attorney and Shareholder with Benton, Orr, Duval & Buckingham in Ventura for 17 years, practicing civil litigation with an emphasis in Public Entity and Insurance Defense.

For the past five years, she has been a member of the California Judicial Council Civil & Small Claims Advisory Committee, which makes recommendations to the council for improving the administration of justice in civil and small claims proceedings.

Ms. McCormick is a graduate (with Honors) from the University of Nebraska at Kearney and earned her law degree from the University of Nebraska College of Law.

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