



Superior Court of California

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VENTURA SUPERIOR COURT ELECTS PRESIDING AND ASSISTANT PRESIDING JUDGES FOR 2019 and 2020

The Judges of the Ventura Superior Court have elected Judge Kent M. Kellegrew as Presiding Judge and Judge Bruce A. Young as Assistant Presiding Judge for 2019 and 2020. The new term for both begins January 1, 2019.

Judge Kellegrew has served as a Ventura Superior Court judge for 18 years. He is currently the Superior Court Assistant Presiding Judge. He also serves on the California Judicial Council Appellate Advisory Committee.

Judge Kellegrew is currently assigned to Courtroom 22 hearing mandatory settlement conferences. He is a former Supervising Judge of the Civil Division. Past assignments have included criminal, family law, civil, mental health, probate, conservatorship and guardianship.

Judge Kellegrew was named Judge of the Year by the Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association in 2009. He was the Ventura County Office of Education Mock Trial Coordinator from 2007 to 2016.

Judge Kellegrew was appointed to the Ventura Superior Court in October 1999 by Governor Gray Davis. Prior to that, he was a Ventura Municipal Court

Commissioner for two years, presiding over the traffic arraignment and probate calendars.

Judge Kellegrew earned his bachelor's degree at California State University Northridge, where he graduated magna cum laude, and his law degree from Southwestern Law School.

Judge Young was appointed to the Ventura Superior Court bench by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on August 20, 2007. He has been a judge for eleven years. Prior to his appointment, he was a commissioner with the Ventura Superior Court for four years.

Judge Young is currently assigned to Courtroom 12 hearing the Felony Disposition calendar. He is a former Supervising Judge of the Criminal Department. Past assignments have included criminal master trial calendar, criminal trials, and juvenile dependency. He has also presided over the specialized Juvenile Dependency Drug Court calendar. In 2015, he was named Judge of the Year by the Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association.

Judge Young earned his bachelor degree from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and law degree from Pepperdine University School of Law.

The Presiding Judge, with the assistance of the Court Executive Officer, is responsible for leading the court, establishing policies, and allocating resources in a manner that promotes equal access to justice, maximizes the use of judicial and other resources, increases efficiency in court operations, and enhances service to the public.

The Assistant Presiding Judge performs duties as assigned by the Presiding Judge, and in the absence of the Presiding Judge, exercises the powers of the Presiding Judge.

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