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**GOVERNOR APPOINTS KRISTI J. PEARISO TO  
SUPERIOR COURT JUDGESHIP**

On March 14, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the appointment of Ventura Superior Court Commissioner Kristi J. Peariso to a judgeship in the Ventura Superior Court. The appointment authorizes her to begin her judicial duties immediately. Judge Peariso fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Kevin McGee in 2021.

Most recently, Judge Peariso has served as a Court Commissioner for the Ventura Superior Court. Previously, Judge Peariso practiced criminal law for over 24 years. Since 2007, she served as a sole practitioner, and represented private clients and clients appointed by the court to Conflict Defense Associates. From 2000-2007, she was a Deputy Public Defender for the Ventura County Public Defender's Office, in 2000, for the Santa Barbara County Public Defender's Office and from 1998-2000, for the Mendocino County Public Defender's Office. She was also an adjunct Law Professor at the Southern California Institute of Law from 2008 to 2017.

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

Judge Peariso is currently assigned to small claims and traffic matters.

The date of her formal installation ceremony will be announced in the near future.

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