



Santa Clara County Superior Court Welcomes Jessica M. Delgado to the Bench

On Thursday, April 15, 2021, in a hybrid ceremony held both in-person (socially distanced) and via video conference, Hon. Jessica M. Delgado was sworn in by Judge Jose S. Franco as the newest judicial officer to the Santa Clara County Superior Court Bench.

Hon. Jessica M. Delgado served as an Attorney at the Santa Clara County Alternate Defender's Office from 2009 to 2021 and was an Attorney in the Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office from 2001 to 2009. She was an Attorney at the Monterey County Public Defender's Office from 1999 to 2001 and a Research Attorney at the Law Offices of Paul Meltzer from 1998 to 1999. Judge Delgado served as a Law Clerk at the Contra Costa County Public Defender's Office from 1997 to 1998 and in the Office of the Federal Public Defender, Central District of California, in 1997. She earned her law degree from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.

Santa Clara County Office of the Public Defender's Attorney of the Year in 2014, Judge Delgado is actively involved in the Santa Clara County legal community and frequently presents on legal and social justice issues facing the people of Santa Clara County. Santa Clara County Public Defender Molly O'Neal opined, "We are so proud of Judge Delgado! Her departure is a huge loss for the Alternate and Public Defender's Office, but her addition to the Santa Clara County Superior Court is phenomenal for the local Bench. She brings an incredible legal mind and important diversity as a bilingual Latina from the LGBTQ community. Jessica is well respected by all, and the Governor made an excellent choice in appointing her."

"A compassionate and dedicated public servant for the people of Santa Clara County, Judge Jessica Delgado has proven herself as someone who puts community first. We are fortunate to welcome her to the Bench and look forward to her many contributions in service to people of our county," said Presiding Judge Theodore C. Zayner.

Judge Delgado will begin her appointment hearing misdemeanor cases in Department 51.

