

# BIOGRAPHY

## CURRENT ASSIGNMENT

Court: California Appellate Courts  
Title: Justice  
Dates: 2025 to Present  
Status: Nominated  
Appointed by: Governor Gavin Newsom

## PREVIOUS JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

Court: Superior Court of California  
County of Los Angeles  
Title: Judge  
Dates: 2013 to 2025  
Status: Appointed  
Appointed by: Governor Jerry Brown  
Date: December 27, 2013

## EDUCATION

Law School: Georgetown University  
Law Center  
Location: Washington, DC  
Date: 1999  
Degree: J.D.

College: University of California,  
Berkeley  
Location: Berkeley, CA  
Date: 1996  
Degree: B.A. in English

## PRACTICE HISTORY

Team leader, Central felony trials  
Los Angeles County Alternate  
Public Defender's Office  
Location: Los Angeles, CA  
From: 2004 to 2014

Training deputy, Central  
Arraignment Court Los Angeles  
County Public Defender's Office  
Location: Los Angeles, CA  
From: 2000 to 2004

Law clerk to Hon. Stephanie  
Duncan-Peters District of  
Columbia Superior Court  
Location: Washington, DC  
From: 1999 to 2000

## BARS AND RELATED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2014-Present  
California Asian Pacific American  
Judges Association - Member

2014-Present  
California Judges Association -  
Member

2012-2013  
Mexican American Bar Association -  
Member

2011-2012  
Los Angeles Superior Court Bench/  
Bar Committee - Representative

2010-2013  
Los Angeles County Bar  
Association, Criminal Section -  
Member

2009-2010  
California Attorneys for Criminal  
Justice - Member

2001-2002  
California Public Defenders  
Association - Member

1999-2014  
California Bar - Member

1994-1996  
Japanese American Citizens League,  
Berkeley Chapter - Board of  
Directors

## PUBLICATIONS

A Natural Limitation to the Natural and  
Probable Consequences Doctrine  
Calif. State Bar Criminal Law  
Journal  
2015 to 2015

The Muddled State: California's  
Application of Confrontation  
Clause Jurisprudence in People v.  
Dungo and People v. Lopez  
41 HASTINGS CONST. L.Q. 1, Vol.  
41, No.1  
2013 to 2013

Determining the Admissibility of  
Basis Evidence Introduced by  
Gang Officers: From Gardeley to  
Hill and Beyond  
Calif. State Bar Criminal Law  
Journal  
2012 to 2012

Stranded in Japan and the Civil  
Liberties Act of 1988: Recognition  
for an Excluded Group of

Japanese Americans  
7 ASIAN L.J. 151, Vol.6, No.1  
2000 to 2000

District Court Denies Motion to  
Dismiss Brought by Bolivian  
Distributor and its Officer in  
Claims Alleged by American  
Photographic Equipment  
Manufacturer that its Employee  
was Wrongfully Imprisoned in  
Bolivia  
12 GEO. IMMIG. L.J. 405  
1998 to 1998

IIRIRA Implementation: INS  
Publishes New Affidavits of  
Support on Behalf of Immigrants  
12 GEO. IMMIG. L.J. 397  
1998 to 1998