

BIOGRAPHY

CURRENT ASSIGNMENT

Court: United States District Court of California
Title: Judge
Dates: 2014 to Present
Status: Nominated
Appointed by: President Barack Obama
Date: April 30, 2014

PREVIOUS JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

Court: Superior Court San Diego County, State of California
Title: Judge
Dates: 2000 to present
Status: Appointed
Appointed by: Governor Gray Davis
Date: December 1, 2000

Court: Superior Court San Diego County, State of California
Title: Judge
Dates: 2000 to 2014
Status: Appointed
Appointed by: Governor Gray Davis

EDUCATION

Law School: Hastings College of the Law
Location: San Francisco, CA
Date: 1986
Degree: J.D.

College: Smith College
Location: Northampton, MA
Date: 1982
Degree: A.B.

High School: New Hartford Central HS
Location: New Hartford, NY

PRACTICE HISTORY

US Attorney's Office
Location: San Diego, CA
From: 1989 to 2000
Specialty: General Criminal

Baker & McKenzie
Location: San Diego, CA
From: 1986 to 1989
Specialty: Civil Litigation

MacDonald Halsted & Laybourne
Location: San Diego, CA

From: 1986 to 1988
Specialty: Civil Litigation

BARS AND RELATED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

1987-present
Lawyers Club of San Diego:
Advisory Board (1995-present);
President (1994-1995); Treasurer (1992-1993); Newsletter Editor (1989-1991)

1986-present
San Diego County Bar Association:
Volunteers in Parole (1988-1991);
Homeless Subcommittee (1988-1989); Task Force on Children at Risk (1995)

1986-present
California Bar Association: Panelist discussing "Women in Litigation: Do They Do It Differently?" (1995 Women In Law Conference)

1986-present
American Bar Association: Criminal Justice Section (1990 to present)

1986-present
Admitted to California Bar

California Women Lawyers

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

2003-present
June Burnett Institute, Board of Directors

1999-2002
San Diego Unified School - Site Council Governing Committee

1999-2000
Board Member on Board of Directors of San Diego Cares

1999-present
Scripps Ranch Branch Library Fund Raiser, Piano Accompanist for "Auditions Are Murder"

1998-present
Scripps Ranch Branch Library Fund Raiser, House Mother for "The Nutcracker"

1995-present
Domestic Violence Blue Ribbon Task Force, Representative on City Council Task Force (addressing intervention in domestic violence situations)

1986-1989
American Civil Liberties Union, Member & Attorney Volunteer

1985-1989
Presbyterian Players - Fund Raising for First Presbyterian Church (acted in several musical comedies)

Domestic Violence Prevention Project (volunteered once a month at clinic which assists individuals in obtaining TROs to help them escape domestic violence)

OTHER

1997
YWCA TWIN (Tribute to Women and Industry) Award

1996
California Women In Government Law and Justice Award