

## **Judge L. Michael Clark**

L. Michael Clark is a Superior Court Judge in Santa Clara, California. He was appointed to the bench in 2008. He currently sits in the Criminal Division. Over the course of his judicial career has served as follows: Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court; Supervising Judge for the Juvenile Justice Division; Supervising Judge of the Collaborative Court Division; Administrative Supervising Judge for the Criminal Division; Supervising Judge of the Family Division; Assistant Supervising Judge of the Juvenile Dependency Division; Family Court Domestic Violence Judge; Family Court All-Purpose Judge; Truancy Court Judge; and Drug Treatment Court Judge. He had chaired the Collaborative Court Committee, the Domestic Violence Coordinating Committee, and the Domestic Violence Court and Community Partner Committee, and served on the Community Outreach, Pretrial Release and Detention, Equality and Social Justice, Court Security, Rules and Forms, Executive, and Supervising Judges committees. He has taught legal education classes for judges, lawyers and community partners on juvenile law, domestic violence law, drug court principles, and trauma-informed courtroom practices. He assists with the Court's annual Educators Day and Clergy Day events, and regularly participates in primary and middle school outreach through the Read Across America, Constitution Day, Judges in the Classroom, and High School Mock Trial. He is a graduate of Santa Clara University Law School, Fuller Theological Seminary and Westmont College.

## **Dane Caldwell-Holden**

Dane Caldwell-Holden is celebrating his 33rd year in education this fall. He started his career teaching English in Middle and High School, working with students from all walks of life in Rural, Suburban and Urban settings. Dane spent a year as a middle school administrator before moving into high school administration as an AP of Activities and AP of Instruction. It was when he became the Principal/Manager of Learning Options for San Jose Unified School District that he discovered his passion for alternative programs and desire to serve the students who utilize those pathways to graduation. Dane oversaw six alternative programs at eleven sites in Learning Options and worked there diligently to improve instructional outcomes and showcase their successes. Dane spent eight years as Director of Student Services for SJUSD, lowering their suspension and expulsion rate year over year while leading the effort to embrace PBIS and other positive climate and culture strategies across all forty-one schools. He is beginning his fourth year at SCCOE as the Director of the Alternative Education Department. His work includes overseeing COE court and community schools and helping to improve educational outcomes for our students. He unites and guides his incredible staff as they work with our students to reengage them in their own education and guide them towards graduation.

## **Joy Hernandez**

Joy Hernandez is a Senior Program Manager with the National Center for Youth Law (NCYL), overseeing the JusticeEd Initiative in Santa Clara County. Joy and her team provide educational support and advocacy to juvenile-justice-impacted students pursuing their high school diplomas and higher education.

Joy has over 10 years of experience supporting juvenile court-impacted youth. Prior to joining the NCYL, she worked at Fresh Lifelines for Youth and Arriba Juntos where she provided direct service throughout the Bay Area to youth impacted by poverty and the justice system. Joy holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from San Francisco State and is currently pursuing her law degree at McGeorge School of Law.

When not working or studying, Joy is spending time with her toddler and wife exploring restaurants and community events throughout the Bay Area. She also loves all things food and dancing and is most likely to be first on the dance floor at any celebration.

## Alison Coy

Alison Coy began her career teaching English, ELD and AVID at Wilcox High School in Santa Clara. She was Vice Principal of Guidance and Curriculum for three years before moving to Cupertino High School where she served as Assistant Principal for several years. There, she developed her core belief that discipline/interventions should be integrated into all administrative roles and developed like any other high-end skill set. In 2007, she became the Coordinator of Educational Options and began developing the FUHSD Educational Options Center which is now home to 5 specialized on-site student programs and two off-site programs which serve between 250-300 students a year. In addition to her work as the Principal of EdOps, Alison is responsible for managing discipline and interventions, Foster/McKinney Vento, absenteeism, intra-district transfers and a number of other processes and committees for FUHSD. In 2017 she was made Director of Educational Options and in October of 2019 students and staff were able to move in to the newly constructed FUHSD Educational Options building, finally inhabiting a school-space worthy of them (right before COVID!). When asked what her next role will be, Alison responds, 'Nothing else, this is it. There is literally nothing else I'd rather be doing.'



## **Maryam Adalat, MSW, PPSC**

Maryam Adalat is an educational leader and social justice advocate with extensive experience in student services and youth support systems. Currently serving as the Student Services Director for the East Side Union High School District (ESUHSD), Maryam Adalat oversees behavioral response and attendance processes, family engagement, and specialized support programs for at-risk youth, including Justice Engaged and Foster Youth services, and McKinney-Vento services. Passionate about mental health and wellness, Maryam Adalat manages a comprehensive program that includes over 30 social workers and wellness centers, employing an MTSS model to promote equitable access to education.

As a former Mitigation Expert with Justice Consulting, where she leveraged her background as a former child welfare worker to advocate for justice-involved youth, she focused on reducing harsh sentencing and providing community-based alternatives to incarceration.

Previously, Maryam Adalat served as the Principal of Anna Yates Middle School, where she enhanced curriculum development and professional training with an emphasis on equity and social justice. Her experience also includes impactful roles in child welfare, including as a Clinician Survivor Trainer with Nola Brantley Speaks, where she provided critical training on commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC).

With a deep commitment to fostering supportive educational environments and advocating for vulnerable populations, Maryam Adalat continues to work towards creating innovative solutions that empower youth and ensure their success.



## Judge Julia Alloggiamento

The Honorable Julia Alloggiamento was born and raised in San Jose, California. Judge Alloggiamento graduated *cum laude* from UCLA for undergrad and *magna cum laude* from UC Law SF (formerly called University of California, Hastings College of Law) for law school. After law school, she clerked for the Federal District Court in Los Angeles and then worked for several years at Morrison & Foerster as a litigation associate, handling a variety of cases involving financial institutions, intellectual property, class actions, real estate, and *pro bono* work.

She served as a Deputy District Attorney in Santa Clara County from 1998 through 2010, where she prosecuted a variety of crimes, including domestic violence, assaults, and homicide. For several years, she acted as the “Community Prosecutor” working directly in the community and in partnership with educators, community based organization, neighborhood associations, law enforcement, and local government to focus on crime prevention and intervention. In that role, she helped bring the nationally acclaimed “Parent Project” to Santa Clara County, a program which focuses on giving parents the tools to change unhealthy and destructive behavior of their adolescents to help keep youth out of the juvenile justice system and strengthen families. Judge Alloggiamento was sworn in as a Superior Court Judge in January 2011. She previously presided over misdemeanors, Drug Treatment Court, Juvenile Justice (including presiding over the Dually Involved Youth who were involved in both juvenile justice and juvenile dependency systems), Mental Health Court (hearing matters related to competency to stand trial as well as cases involving Sexually Violent Predators, Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity, and Mentally Disorder Offender civil commitment cases), and Felony Criminal trials. Since January 2023 is in a Civil Trial Department, she has presided over civil trials.

Judge Alloggiamento has been Chair of the Court Community Outreach Committee since January 2012. The Outreach Committee provides outreach and education regarding a variety of issues related to the justice system and plans programs for students and adults including Constitution Month, the Color of Justice, Young Women’s Power Lunch, Educators’ Day, Read Across Santa Clara County, Law Day, and more. She also serves on numerous other court committees, including the Equality and Social Justice Committee, the Court Strategic Planning Committee, and the New Judicial Officer Bridging Committee. She also serves on local committees such as the SCCOE Power of Democracy Committee and Statewide Committees including the California Judges Association Wellness Committee.

Since December 2020, Judge Alloggiamento has served as a Board Member for the Board of Silicon Valley Urban Debate League. In 2022, she was appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of California to serve on the Judicial Council’s Power of Democracy Steering Committee and in 2023, the Chief Justice appointed her as Vice-Chair of the Committee. In 2016, she was recognized as the special honoree at the SCCBA Women’s Lawyers’ Section Annual Reception Honoring Santa Clara County Women Judges. In 2023, Judge Alloggiamento received the Unsung (S)hero Award at the Women’s Leadership and Policy Summit for her contributions to the community through persistence, dedication, and advocacy for equity, justice, peace and healing. In 2024, Judge Alloggiamento received the California Judges Association Judicial Outreach Award (given every three years) for her contributions to the community through outreach.



## **Payje Redmond**

Payje Redmond is a Community Engagement/Public Relations Specialist at the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE). She has worked at the SCCOE for three years, supporting public school staff, students, and programs through internal and external communications.

During this time, she has supported the Power of Democracy initiative working to increase civic engagement and education among Santa Clara County youth.

Payje holds a degree in Journalism from San Jose State University. She is deeply committed to fostering community involvement and raising awareness about publicly available resources.

Outside of work, Payje takes great pride in mentoring high school and college students and offering them guidance regarding career trajectories.



## **Corina Herrera Loera**

Corina Herrera-Loera has nearly thirty years of experience in youth and family restorative justice. She has served as a Juvenile Probation Officer for over eighteen years and as a Trustee on the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District Board for the past five years. In addition to her professional commitments, she is deeply invested in her community, raising her 15-year-old daughter in East San Jose. Corina embodies the role of a change-maker, inspired by the legacy of those who came before her, and is committed to forging a path for future generations.



## **Assistant Presiding Judge Julie A. Emede**

Julie A. Emede was appointed to the Santa Clara County Superior Court bench in December 2009 and is currently serving as a trial judge in the Civil Division. Judge Emede has previously served in the Criminal Domestic Violence Court, Provisional Remedies and Appellate Division, Probate Court, Family Court, and Misdemeanor Court. Prior to her appointment to the bench, she was a family law attorney, where she handled all aspects of family law cases including marital/domestic partnership dissolutions, adoptions, guardianships, and court-appointed representation of children. Judge Emede is a presenter at various judicial and continuing legal education seminars, and previously taught Community Property and Family Law at Santa Clara University School of Law. She received her undergraduate degree from Michigan State University and her juris doctor from the University of California College of the Law, San Francisco.





## **Commissioner Johanna Thai Van Dat**

Johanna Thai Van Dat is Court Commissioner currently presiding over Civil Harassment, Elder Abuse, and Workplace Violence restraining orders in the Civil Division. Previously she served in the Family Division hearing Domestic Violence and Gun Violence restraining orders as well as Dept of Child Support cases. Prior to being on the bench, she worked as a Staff Attorney for the Santa Clara County Family Law Facilitator's Office/Self Help Center where she has worked for 17 years assisting self-represented litigants navigate the court system in the areas of family law, violence prevention, limited civil matters, unlawful detainers, probate guardianships and conservatorships, name and gender changes, small claims, providing judicial support to the family law bench, mediating disputes between litigants, and doing community outreach and education on court services. She has been a member of the Court's Community Outreach Committee for many years. She served on the Santa Clara County's Child Abuse Prevention Council and chaired its Public Awareness Committee.

Prior to joining the court, she worked with and advocated for mental-health consumers to access and secure public benefits and Social Security benefits at the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley.

Johanna holds a B.A. in Political Science, with an emphasis on International Relations from U.C. Berkeley and a J.D. from Santa Clara University, with certificates in Public Interest and Public International Law. Born and raised in France and Panama, she is multilingual in French, Spanish and Vietnamese.





## Adam Flores

Adam Flores is the Supervising Deputy District Attorney of the Community Prosecution Unit in the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office. The Community Prosecution Unit focuses on juvenile crime prevention by promoting student attendance and engagement through truancy abatement and parent education, supporting priority neighborhoods to foster thriving communities, and addressing public safety issues such as gun violence and public nuisances.

He joined the District Attorney's Office in 2012 and has worked in multiple trial assignments. In 2019, he began working as the Community Prosecutor, assigned to the southern portion of Santa Clara County - South County – and in January 2024, he became the Supervisor of the Unit. As a Community Prosecutor, he helped develop the South County Restorative Justice Youth Diversion Program, which he will talk about today. He also spearheaded two gun buybacks that took in a combined 777 unwanted firearms. He responded to both the 2019 mass shooting at the Gilroy Garlic Festival and the 2021 mass shooting at the VTA railyard by leading operations in Family Assistance Centers that were established to support the victims, families, and communities in the immediate aftermath of both shootings.

Supervising DDA Flores obtained his undergraduate education from the University of California, Berkeley, where he double majored in English and Political Science. He then pursued and completed the JD/MBA program at Santa Clara University School of Law and Leavey School of Business.



## **Greg Zieman, J.D.**

Greg has 30 years of experience in special education! He has been at the forefront of innovative programs for special education such as “Workability,” “PAVA,” and the MVLA Satellite program. He has written, lead and managed state, local, federal, and corporate grants all focused in support of education and employment of special needs students and teens at risk. He is a leading expert in special education.

Greg holds a Juris Doctor degree, is the current student attorney trainer for the Lincoln Law School San Jose’s County Peer Court Restorative Justice program, is a past Chairperson, and current appointed member of the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Santa Clara County and on the weekends invests his time coaching youth basketball.

