

Judge Julia Alloggiamento

The Honorable Judge Julia Alloggiamento was sworn in as a Superior Court Judge in January 2011 and currently presides over Civil Trials. Previously, she has 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.

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 Chairs the Legislative Liaison Committee, and 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 has also served on local and statewide committees, including the SCCOE Power of Democracy Committee and 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, Judge Alloggiamento 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, Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero appointed her as Vice-Lead of the Power of Democracy Initiative, which strives to promote and provide civic learning and engagement to students K-12 statewide.

In 2016, Judge Alloggiamento 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. In 2025, she received Pro Bono Project's Lady Justice Innovator of the Year Award.

Judge Alloggiamento was born and raised in San Jose, California and 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 values time she can spend hiking, cooking, being in nature, and enjoying her family and friends.



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 Presiding Judge for the Court. Judge Emede has previously served in the Criminal Domestic Violence Court, Provisional Remedies and Appellate Division, Probate Court, Family Court, Misdemeanor Court, and Civil 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.



Kavita Narayan

Kavita Narayan is the Chief Assistant County Counsel for the County of Santa Clara. She oversees the work of the Social Justice and Impact Litigation Team and the Public Safety and Justice Team; co-leads the Conflicts of Interest team, which trains and advises County officials on government ethics issues; and oversees representation of the Civil Grand Jury. Kavita joined the Office of the County Counsel in 2012. Her noteworthy projects include serving as primary counsel to the County's groundbreaking pretrial justice reform efforts and as a lead attorney in *People v. Purdue Pharma*, the Office's first-in-the-nation lawsuit against the opioid industry; *County of Santa Clara v. Trump*, the County's successful lawsuit that enjoined President Trump's 2017 Executive Order defunding sanctuary jurisdictions; and an active docket of current federal affirmative litigation. Before coming to the County, Kavita worked as an attorney within the federal court system for four years. She received her law degree in 2008 from Stanford Law School, and her undergraduate degree in 2005 from the University of Iowa.



Alisha Schoen

Alisha Schoen graduated from UCLA in 2005, after which she attended Stanford Law School, graduating in 2009. Alisha has experience in both the private and international sectors: she practiced civil defense work for two years before working for the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court in the Hague. Alisha has been a deputy district attorney at the Santa Clara District Attorney's Office since 2012. She has served the office on its Misdemeanor, North County, Law and Motions, Juvenile Crimes, and Community Prosecution Units. She is currently the Truancy Abatement Team Lead. In that role, she spearheaded the creation of California's first truancy collaborative court. She is also a member of the California Department of Education's State School Attendance Review Board and the Chair of the California District Attorney's Association Truancy Workgroup Committee. She has trained on truancy, the law, and best practices in venues throughout the state.

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April Crider

April Crider serves as the District Wellness Coordinator for Campbell Union High School, a position she has held for the past 2 years. In addition to managing the district's Wellness Centers, she has spearheaded efforts to evolve CUHSD's attendance procedures from compliance-based to a system rooted in identifying and addressing the underlying reasons for student absences. Prior to moving to California, April worked for 25 years as a Social Worker in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, including six years in Child Protective Services and, most recently, 18 years as the School Social Worker at Carrboro High School. April received her Bachelors of Science in Multicultural & Multilingual Education and French from Florida State University and her Master's in Social Work from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.



Berenice Aguilar

Bernice Aguilera Toney, MPA, is a Program Manager with the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, Community Prosecution Unit, leading the South County Youth Task Force to support youth and families in South Santa Clara County "South County". She also serves as Co-Chair for Cultivating Caring Communities for Kids in Common, Co-Chairs the Coordinating Council of the Latino Health Assessment and serves as the backbone support for the South County Health Equity Access for All Leadership Initiative (SC HEALS!), a coalition led by resident leaders "promotores", system partners and community-based agencies. A proud mother of three and Aztec dancer for over 19 years, Bernice continues to serve her community through compassionate culture, creative collaboration, and heart-centered leadership.



Dr. Carmen García

Dr. Carmen García was born in Tepatitlán, Jalisco, México, and grew up in Southern California where she took full advantage of her K-12 public education. Subsequently, she attended the University of San Diego where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Spanish. Dr. García often notes that her interest in teaching was sparked by wonderful professors and teachers who supported and believed in her to succeed. With motivation to teach, she earned a Master's Degree in Education and a teaching credential.

Soon after graduating, Dr. García began teaching in the Long Beach Unified School District—an experience that remains one of the most gratifying of her career. Teaching is where her passion for student success took hold and as a result, she pursued graduate study and received her Doctorate from the University of Southern California.

Dr. García's twenty-eight-year career has allowed her to observe the educational sphere from the perspective of a Teacher, Researcher, Assistant to Superintendent Dr. Carl Cohn, Principal, and Superintendent.

She has worked tirelessly to enhance and collaboratively co-create educational systems that deliver on the promise of public education. Her work prioritizes coherence, alignment, and strategic planning, fostering collaboration among educational partners to ensure students are supported at their point of need and propelled toward a future aligned with their dreams. She firmly believes that a quality education is the greatest equalizer, opening doors of opportunity, and she is indebted to her public-school education and aims to continue to pay it forward to make a difference in the lives of ALL students so, they too, can reach their highest potential.

Together with her husband, Dr. Gabriel Gutiérrez, Director of Special Education, they have three children, Sophía (14), Emma (12), and Sebastián (10).



Petra Rigüero

Petra Rigüero serves as a Program Manager with the City of San José's Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Department, where she leads the Grantmaking for Community Impact Team. She also serves on the leadership team of the San José Youth Empowerment Alliance, the City's youth violence reduction initiative.

A proud East San José native, Petra earned her Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies from San José State University. She began her career with the City as an intern in the Sí Se Puede Program, providing after-school programming for students at Hoover Middle School. She later joined the Youth Intervention Services Division, where she delivered life skills workshops, coordinated tattoo removal services for youth impacted by gang involvement, and expanded youth development programs across 21 San José schools.

In her current role, Petra manages partnerships with more than 35 nonprofit organizations and 80 neighborhood leadership groups. Together, they expand enrichment and intervention services on school campuses, foster community engagement, and lead neighborhood beautification projects—all with the goal of creating safer, stronger schools and communities throughout San José.



Olympia Williams

Olympia Williams serves as Deputy Director of the Community Services Division for the City of San José, where she oversees five core programs, including the City's Youth Intervention Services. Her work is focused on improving neighborhood livability, reducing violence, and ensuring equitable access to services for the City's most vulnerable residents.

With experience ranging from managing neighborhood services as part of the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force to now leading citywide youth violence prevention efforts in the San Jose Youth Empowerment Alliance, Olympia has developed expertise in implementing effective programs, working within priority neighborhoods and school to foster collective impact partnerships. She has strengthened collaborations with schools, community-based organizations, law enforcement, and county agencies to reduce violence and create safer pathways for youth.

What inspires her most is working alongside residents and educators who dedicate their time to helping young people build brighter, safer futures.



Kristina Ravo

Kristina Ravo has over 15 years of experience in education, serving in roles ranging from high school teacher and Activities Director to assistant principal, principal, district-level coordinator, and now Coordinator of History-Social Science and Civic Engagement at the Santa Clara County Office of Education. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Social Sciences with a Minor in English from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, as well as a teaching credential, administrative credential, and a Master's in Educational Leadership with a Social Justice focus from San José State University, where she centered her thesis on culturally sustaining pedagogy.

Driven by a deep commitment to equity and social justice, Kristina is passionate about fostering inclusive and responsive learning environments. She supports educators, students, and community partners in advancing equitable history-social science and civics education. Her professional development includes the ACSA Equity and Personnel Administrators Institutes, participation in the inaugural Learning for Justice Critical Practices in Social Justice Education cohort, and ongoing service on the Santa Clara County Superior Court Community Outreach Committee. She also serves as Region 5 Director for the California Council for the Social Studies and continually seeks opportunities to deepen her leadership and practice.



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.



Judge Micael Estremera

Judge Estremera comes to the Bench from the Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office, joining as a Deputy Public Defender in 2008 and serving as a Supervising Deputy Public Defender since 2018. Judge Estremera served as a Deputy County Counsel at the Office of the Santa Clara County Counsel from 2010 to 2011. Prior to his public service, Judge Estremera was an Associate and Trial Consultant at Thelen LLP from 2005 to 2008. Judge Estremera is a graduate of Santa Clara University School of Law.

Judge Estremera has been assigned to the family decision since officially joining the bench in September 2022.



Judge Kelley Paul

Hon. Kelley Paul was appointed to the Santa Clara County Superior Court in 2022 and presides over the Felony Mental Health Calendar. She serves as co-chair of the New Judicial Officer Bridging Committee and is a member of the Judicial Community Outreach Committee. Before joining the bench, Judge Paul was a deputy public defender for over twenty years and was recognized with multiple statewide honors for her trial work and leadership. She was also a frequent national speaker on forensic evidence and has taught Forensics and the Law at Santa Clara University School of Law.

