



The Santa Clara County Superior Court Welcomes Rafael A. Sivilla-Jones To The Bench

In a ceremony held on Friday, October 15, 2021, Hon. Rafael A. Sivilla-Jones was sworn into the Santa Clara County Superior Court Bench by Judge Johnny Gogo.

Prior to his appointment to the Santa Clara County Superior Court Bench, Judge Sivilla-Jones served as a deputy district attorney in Los Angeles County from 1992 to 1998. He also served as an Assistant Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Tennessee from 1999-2001. Since 2001, Hon. Rafael Sivilla-Jones worked as a deputy attorney general for the California Department of Justice.

From 2006, he was assigned to a specialized unit handling high technology crime investigations and prosecutions throughout California. He served on the La Raza Lawyers Board, the CASE union board representing state-employed attorneys, and the diversity committee for the Santa Clara County Bar Association. Judge Sivilla-Jones earned his Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctor degrees from UCLA and has taught courses internationally, including coaching Mexican lawyers and investigators about oral trial advocacy in their country. He enjoys reading, theater, and playing music in live bands with his wife, Jenni.

“Judge Sivilla-Jones brings to our Court a wide breadth of legal experience and an extensive background handling cases at all levels of the legal system,” said Assistant Presiding Judge Beth McGowen. “We are excited to welcome our new colleague to the Bench and look forward to his many contributions to our Court and the people of Santa Clara County.”

