



Superior Court of California

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COMMISSIONER JOANN JOHNSON RECEIVES PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD

Ventura Superior Court Commissioner JoAnn Johnson has been selected as one of the recipients of the Oxnard Knights of Columbus Public Safety Award for 2015. The award was presented at the group's Public Safety Night held on April 13th at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Council 750, in Oxnard.

Each year, The Knights of Columbus recognize and honor approximately thirteen men and women from law enforcement, military, fire protection, and the judiciary for their service to our community and country.

Commissioner Johnson's assignment is to a family law courtroom hearing all family law matters. She was previously assigned to the child support and restraining order courtroom. Prior to being selected as a Commissioner, she was the Supervising Family Law Facilitator with the Ventura Superior Court for eight years. From 1993 to 2002 she was in private practice, with a focus on family law, bankruptcy and worker's compensation.

Commissioner Johnson is a former director for the Family Law Bar Association and the Family Law Facilitator's Association. She has served on several statewide committees associated with the California Judicial Council, including the Domestic Violence Task Force. She is on the Family Law Curriculum Committee for CJER which designs educational programs for judicial officers. She is a frequent presenter at various Judicial Council sponsored trainings for judicial officers and facilitators. She has been an adjunct professor for summer family law courses and Community Property at the Ventura and Santa Barbara Colleges of Law since 2003.

Commissioner Johnson is a past recipient of the Judicial Officer of the Year award presented by the Child Support Directors Association of California. The award recognizes a commissioner or judge who has strengthened the state's child support program through decisions and actions that result in more effective child support enforcement.

Commissioner Johnson earned her Juris Doctorate degree from Ventura College of Law and a certificate in mediation from the Straus Institute at Pepperdine University.

Superior Court Commissioners hear matters including, but not limited to, Family Law, Juvenile Delinquency and Dependency, Child Support Services, Domestic Violence, Civil Harassment, Traffic, Criminal and Small Claims. They are required to have been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of California for at least ten years and serve at the pleasure of a majority of the court judges.

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