



Superior Court of California

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VENTURA SUPERIOR COURT ELECTS PRESIDING AND ASSISTANT PRESIDING JUDGES

The Judges of the Ventura Superior Court have elected Judge Bruce A. Young as Presiding Judge and Judge Kevin G. DeNoce as Assistant Presiding Judge for the remainder of 2020 through 2022. The new term for both began on August 13, 2020.

Judge Young has served as a Ventura Superior Court judge for 13 years. He was previously the Superior Court Assistant Presiding Judge.

Judge Young was appointed to the Ventura Superior Court bench by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on August 20, 2007. Prior to his appointment, he was a commissioner with the Ventura Superior Court for four years.

Judge Young is a former Supervising Judge of the Criminal Department. In 2015, he was named Judge of the Year by the Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association.

Judge Young is currently assigned to Courtroom 23 hearing felony settlement conferences. Past assignments have included criminal master trial calendar, criminal trials, felony arraignments, and juvenile dependency. He has also presided over a Family Law Court calendar from May of 2003 to December of 2007.

Judge Young earned his bachelor degree from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and law degree from Pepperdine University School of Law.

Judge DeNoce was appointed to the Ventura Superior Court bench by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on May 16, 2008. He has been a judge for 12 years. He was named Judge of the Year by the Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association in 2017.

Judge DeNoce is currently assigned to Courtroom 43 hearing civil trials and California Environmental Quality Act cases. Past judicial assignments have included criminal trials, civil trials, and criminal arraignments.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge DeNoce served as a Ventura Superior Court Commissioner for one year. Before that, he was a sole practitioner at the Law Offices of Kevin G. DeNoce and a partner in the Law Offices of Andrade & DeNoce, LLP. From 1987 to 1996, he served as a prosecuting attorney with the Ventura County District Attorney's Office, where he was the supervising attorney for the Appellate Division from 1992 to 1996 and a Senior Deputy District Attorney from 1994 to 1996.

Judge DeNoce earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder and law degree from Pepperdine University School of Law.

The Presiding Judge, with the assistance of the Court Executive Officer, is responsible for leading the court, establishing policies, and allocating resources in a manner that promotes equal access to justice, maximizes the use of judicial and other resources, increases efficiency in court operations, and enhances service to the public.

The Assistant Presiding Judge performs duties as assigned by the Presiding Judge, and in the absence of the Presiding Judge, exercises the powers of the Presiding Judge.

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