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## **JUDGE TARI L. CODY HONORED BY WOMEN LAWYERS OF VENTURA COUNTY**

Judge Tari L. Cody has been honored by the Women Lawyers of Ventura County (WLVC) with the organization's Legacy Award. Judge Cody received the honor at WLVC's Fourteenth Annual Scholarship Dinner held at the Onyx Bistro on September 22, 2022.

The WLVC Legacy Award is given to a member of the community "who has significantly contributed to the advancement of the aims and rights of women and girls in society." Such contributions are made through law, education or social/political activism. Past recipients have included Judge Melinda Johnson (2019) and State Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin (2018).

Judge Cody has been actively involved in civic and professional organizations throughout her career. In 2003 and 2004, she served as a Board Member of the Coalition to End Family Violence. In 2016, she began serving on both the Judicial Council's Family & Juvenile Law Advisory Committee and the Small Court Dependency Workload Working Group. She is a past president of WLVC, serving in that capacity in 1988 and 1989 and she served on the Board of Directors of the Ventura County Bar Association Board in 1993 and 1994. In 1990 and 1991, she served as President and Board member of the local Planned Parenthood chapter. She is a former member of the Jerome H. Berenson Chapter for Ventura County Inns of Court and served as its President from 2014 to 2016. Currently, she serves as an Executive Board member of the Executive Board/Legislative Committee of the Juvenile Court Judges Committee, a division of the California Judges Association.

Judge Cody's previous awards include being named 2018 Judge of the Year by the Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association. She was honored by Kids & Families Together in 2007 for her work as a child advocate and she received the Oxnard Knights of Columbus Public Safety Award in 2003.

Judge Cody was appointed to the Ventura Superior Court bench by Governor Gray Davis on December 6, 2000. She is currently the Supervising Juvenile Judge and is assigned to Courtroom J1 at the Juvenile Justice Center where she hears juvenile dependency matters, adoptions, and guardianships. Past judicial assignments have included civil, family law and criminal cases.

Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Cody was an Associate Attorney, Junior Partner, and then Partner at Nordman, Cormany, Hair and Compton from 1985 to 1994. She then joined the firm of Lemieux and O'Neill until her appointment to the bench in 2000. During her time in the private sector, Judge Cody provided defense representation for public agencies in a number of areas, including personal injury, construction, contract, and employment matters. She also acted as general counsel to several public agencies, providing advice on public meetings law, conflict of interest issues, public works projects, and employment disputes.

Judge Cody earned her bachelor's degree from the University of California, Irvine and her law degree from Loyola Law School.

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