



# Superior Court of California

COUNTY OF VENTURA  
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## **JUDGE MARINE DERMADZHIAN TAKES THE BENCH**

Judge Marine Dermadzhyan took the bench on Monday, August 7, 2023, as Ventura County's newest Superior Court Judge. Presiding Judge Kevin G. DeNoce administered Judge Dermadzhyan's judicial oath of office. Judge Dermadzhyan was appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 28, 2023. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge John R. Smiley in 2022.

Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Dermadzhyan served as a Deputy District Attorney at the Ventura County District Attorney's Office beginning in 2014. She also worked as a Deputy District Attorney at the Tulare County District Attorney's Office from 2013 to 2014 and served as a Law Clerk at the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office from 2012 to 2013.

Judge Dermadzhyan has been an Adjunct Professor at the Ventura College of Law since 2022. Her professional associations include The State Bar of California; Los Angeles County Bar Association; and the Ventura County Bar Association.

Judge Dermadzhyan earned a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Lamar University and a Juris Doctor degree from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles.

Judge Dermadzhyan will be assigned to Courtroom 26 and will hear criminal jury trials at the Hall of Justice in Ventura.

Judge Dermadzhyan's appointment fills one of three vacant judicial seats on the Ventura Superior Court. With one of the highest caseloads in the State per bench officer, the Court hopes to fill its two other judicial vacancies soon.