



# Superior Court of California

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## **COMMISSIONER JOANN JOHNSON HONORED**

Superior Court Commissioner JoAnn Johnson has been presented with the Judicial Officer of the Year award 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. It was presented at the annual CSDA Conference held September 19-22, 2011, in Sacramento.

"The Family Law Department and the Ventura Superior Court are very proud of Commissioner Johnson and her accomplishments," said Supervising Family Law Judge John Smiley. "We congratulate her for receiving this well-deserved honor."

Commissioner Johnson hears matters pertaining to family law, support and protective orders. She has been a commissioner since January 2010. Previously she was a 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 and civil 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 and currently serves on the Department of Child Support Services/Judicial Branch Stakeholders Committee. She is a frequent presenter at various AOC sponsored trainings for facilitators and AB 1058 commissioners. She has been an adjunct professor for summer family law courses at the Ventura and Santa Barbara Colleges of Law since 2003.

The Child Support Directors Association supports county child support agencies in their efforts to provide for the well-being of the children and families served by California's Child Support Program.

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