



# *Superior Court of California*

COUNTY OF VENTURA  
Hall of Justice  
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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **JUDGE PATRICIA M. MURPHY RETIRES**

Judge Patricia M. Murphy retired on July 1, 2024, from the Superior Court of California, County of Ventura ("Court") after more than 18 years of dedicated service.

Judge Murphy was appointed as Judge of the Court on March 9, 2006, by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Roland Purnell. During her tenure with the Court, Judge Murphy was assigned to the Criminal Law Department at the Hall of Justice.

Judge Murphy was selected by the Judges of the Court to serve as Assistant Presiding Judge for 2015-2016 and Presiding Judge for 2017-2018.

Before she joined the Court, Judge Murphy was a prosecutor with the Ventura County District Attorney's Office. She began her career as a Deputy District Attorney in 1987, advancing to the positions of Senior Attorney in the Major Crimes Unit, and Supervising Attorney of the Family Protection Unit. In 2002, she was appointed as the Chief Assistant District Attorney, that agency's second highest position, which she held until her appointment to the bench in 2006.

During her judicial career, Judge Muphy received notable awards and honors including the Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association's 2018 Judge of the Year Award and the 2016 Knights of Columbus of Oxnard's Public Safety Award.

Judge Murphy earned her Bachelor's Degree in political science from California State University Northridge and her Juris Doctorate degree from Southwestern University School of Law.

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