



Superior Court of California

COUNTY OF VENTURA
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JUDGE NANCY L. AYERS RETIRES

Judge Nancy L. Ayers retired on August 15, 2024, from the Superior Court of California, County of Ventura, after more than 15 years of dedicated service.

Judge Ayers was appointed as Judge of the Ventura Superior Court on September 9, 2009 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Arturo Gutierrez. Judge Ayers was administered the oath of office on October 19, 2009, and immediately began her assignment. During her tenure as a Court judicial officer, Judge Ayers was assigned to the criminal department at the Hall of Justice. Judge Ayers also served as the Supervising Criminal Judge from 2017 to 2019.

In 2019, Judge Ayers, with the assistance and collaboration of our Justice Partners (the private defense bar, Ventura County Public Defender's Office, Ventura County District Attorney's Office, Ventura County Probation, Ventura County Behavioral Health, and the Ventura Superior Court) established the current working model for Mental Health Diversion as it operates in Ventura County. She also worked with the Justice Partners to establish a written protocol for Mental Health Court.

Prior to her judicial appointment, Judge Ayers worked as a deputy district attorney for the Fresno County District Attorney's Office since 2007. Prior to that, she served as a senior deputy district attorney for the Ventura County District Attorney's Office from 1984 to 2007. From 1983 to 1984, she worked as a law clerk and associate for Kahn, Soares and Conway.

Judge Ayers graduated with a B.A. in International Relations from University of the Pacific, Stockton, California (1980) and earned her Juris Doctorate degree from University of Santa Clara Law School, Santa Clara, California (1983).

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