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PASSING OF RETIRED JUDGE COLLEEN TOY WHITE

Retired Superior Court Judge Colleen Toy White passed away on August 10, 2021. She served on the Superior Court bench for 23 years before retiring in 2017.

"Her dedication to the Court and her compassionate treatment of those individuals appearing in her court set the highest standard for which a bench officer should aspire to," stated Presiding Judge Bruce A. Young.

Judge White was elected to the Ventura County Superior Court in June 1994. She was a former Presiding Judge, Assistant Presiding Judge and Family Law Supervising Judge.

Judge White initiated many of the Ventura Superior Court's specialty court programs, including Veterans Court, Community Intervention Court, Dependency Drug Court, Elder Law Court and Mental Health Court. She also created the Pro Per Clinic, the forerunner of the court's Family Law Self-Help Center.

Judge White received many awards for outstanding public service, leadership, and contributions to the legal system during her career. Most notably, she received the prestigious Aranda Access to Justice Award from the California Judicial Council in 2016. The award honors a judge who demonstrated a long-term commitment to improving access to the courts, and who significantly improved access for low and moderate income Californians.

Other past honors include the renaming of Veterans Court as the *Judge Colleen Toy White Veterans Treatment Court* in 2019 and being selected as Judge of the Year by the Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association in 2014.

Prior to being elected to the bench, Judge White was a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office for 18 years, 10 of which were in the position of Chief Assistant District Attorney, the agency's second highest position.

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