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JUDGE ETHEL R. HERNANDEZ TAKES THE BENCH

Judge Ethel R. Hernandez took the bench on Monday, May 13, 2024, as Ventura County's newest Superior Court Judge. The Honorable Marine Dermadzhyan administered Judge Hernandez's judicial oath of office.

Judge Hernandez was appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom on May 3, 2024. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Bruce A. Young in December 2023.

Prior to her appointment, Judge Hernandez was a Senior Deputy District Attorney for the Ventura County District Attorney's Office. Beginning in February 2012, Judge Hernandez worked in many units within the District Attorney's Office, including misdemeanor, domestic violence, felony, and auto theft. Her most recent assignment was prosecuting narcotics sales cases, which involved close collaboration with law enforcement agencies in complex investigations. Prior to joining the Ventura DA's Office, Judge Hernandez served as a Deputy District Attorney Pro Tem for the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office where she prosecuted misdemeanors. In the summer and fall of 2010, Judge Hernandez clerked at both the Santa Barbara and Ventura County District Attorneys' Offices.

Judge Hernandez earned her Juris Doctor degree at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University where she worked as an intern for the Harris County District Attorney's Office. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from UCLA. Prior to attending law school, Judge Hernandez was a legal processing assistant at the Ventura County District Attorney's Office.

Judge Hernandez has been assigned to the Criminal Law Division and she will preside in Department 47 at the Hall of Justice in Ventura. The date of her formal installation ceremony will be announced in the near future.

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