



# Superior Court of California

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## **JUDGE DANA K. CAUDILL TAKES THE BENCH**

Judge Dana K. Caudill took the bench on Monday, February 26, 2024, as Ventura County's newest Superior Court Judge. The Honorable Benjamin F. Coats (Supervising Judge of the Civil Division) administered Judge Caudill's judicial oath of office.

Judge Caudill was appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom on January 29, 2024. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Manuel J. Covarrubias who retired in 2023.

Since 1996, Judge Caudill was an attorney with Farmers Insurance Company. Prior to her appointment to the bench, she was the Managing Attorney for Farmers' Los Angeles office. She also worked for Farmers as a Supervising Attorney and Trial Attorney. From 1994 to 1996, she was an Attorney at Porter, Scott, Weiberg & Delehant and a Law Clerk/Associate Attorney at Matheny, Poidmore & Sears from 1993 to 1994.

Judge Caudill's professional associations include the American Board of Trial Advocates (California Coast Chapter) (2004 - present); Ventura County and Santa Barbara County Bar Associations (2001 - 2008); and the Jerome H. Berenson American Inns of Court (2001 - 2008). She served as a Judge Pro Tem at the Ventura Superior Court from 2007 to 2011.

Judge Caudill earned her Bachelor's degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara (1989) and received her Juris Doctor degree from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law (1993).

Judge Caudill has been assigned to the Family Law Division and she will preside in Department 33 at the Hall of Justice in Ventura.

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