



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF MONTEREY

240 Church Street, Salinas, California 93901 - (831) 775-5400  
[www.monterey.courts.ca.gov](http://www.monterey.courts.ca.gov)

CARRIE M. PANETTA  
*Presiding Judge*

RAFAEL VAZQUEZ  
*Asst. Presiding Judge*

CHRIS RUHL  
*Court Executive Officer*

**MONTEREY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT ANNOUNCES  
JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2024**

2024 Judicial Assignments  
*Effective January 1, 2024*

Hon. Carrie M. Panetta, Presiding Judge

**SALINAS COURTHOUSE**

**DEPARTMENT 1**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**Hon. Stephanie E. Hulsey**

Prison Cases  
Parole Petitions & Post Release Community  
Supervision (PRCS)  
SVP & MDO  
Criminal Writ Department  
Felony Arraignments  
Grand Jury Legal Advisor  
Civil Grand Jury Advisor

**DEPARTMENT 2**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**Hon. Andrew G. Liu**

Felony Trial Department (AAA-COR)  
Appellate Division

**DEPARTMENT 3**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**Hon. Pamela L. Butler**

*Supervising Judge, Criminal Division*  
*Presiding Judge, Appellate Division*  
Felony Trial Department (COS-HAR)  
Appellate Division

**DEPARTMENT 4**

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**Hon. Jennifer J. O’Keefe**

Felony Trial Department (HAS-MEN)  
Appellate Division

**DEPARTMENT 5**

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**Hon. Rafael Vazquez**

*Assistant Presiding Judge*  
Felony Trial Department (MEO-ROM)

**DEPARTMENT 6**

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**Hon. Mark E. Hood**

Felony Trial Department (RON-ZZZ)

**DEPARTMENT 7**

1<sup>st</sup> Floor

**Hon. Robert A. Burlison**

Misdemeanor Trial Department (A-GON)  
Appellate Division

**DEPARTMENT 8**

1<sup>st</sup> Floor

**Hon. Jared Jefferson**

Misdemeanor Trial Department (GOO-PEP)

**DEPARTMENT 9**

1<sup>st</sup> Floor

**Hon. Ian A. Rivamonte**

Misdemeanor Trial Department (PER-Z))

**DEPARTMENT 10**

B Level

**Hon. Timothy Roberts**

Juvenile Dependency Department  
Combined Drug Court  
DUI Treatment Court  
Military Diversion & Veterans Treatment  
Court  
Criminal Mental Health (CNC)  
Withdrawal of Consent to Adopt

**DEPARTMENT 11**

B Level

**Hon. Elisabeth K. Mineta**

Misdemeanor Arraignment Department

**DEPARTMENT 12**

1422 Natividad Road, Salinas

**Hon. Sam Lavorato, Jr.**

*Supervising Judge, Juvenile Division*  
Juvenile Justice Department  
Juvenile Truancy Department

**MONTEREY COURTHOUSE**

**DEPARTMENT 13**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**Hon. Julie R. Culver**  
Probate Department  
LPS Conservatorships  
CARE Court  
Adoptions  
Unlawful Detainers  
Small Claims Appeals

**DEPARTMENT 13A**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**Hon. Vanessa W. Vallarta**  
Direct Calendar Civil Trial Department  
Ex Parte Calendar  
Labor Appeals  
Collections  
Fee Waiver Requests  
Riese Hearings / Mental Health Writs  
Civil Firearm Hearings

**DEPARTMENT 14**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**Hon. Carrie M. Panetta**  
*Presiding Judge*  
Direct Calendar Civil Law and Motion Department  
Complex Civil  
Ex Parte Calendar  
Judicial Administration

**DEPARTMENT 15**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**Hon. Thomas W. Wills**  
*Supervising Judge, Civil Division*  
Direct Calendar Civil Trial Department  
Complex Civil  
Ex Parte Calendar

**DEPARTMENT 16**  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor

**Hon. Judge Murat A. Ozgur**  
Family Law Department

**DEPARTMENT 16A**  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor

**Comm. Maria L. Mendoza**  
Three days out of the week  
  
Civil Harassment Restraining Orders  
Domestic Violence Restraining Orders

**DEPARTMENT 17**  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor

**Hon. Heidi Whilden**  
Family Law Department

**KING CITY COURTHOUSE**

**DEPARTMENT 18**

**New Commissioner-TBD**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month  
Traffic Court

**MARINA COURTHOUSE**

**DEPARTMENT 20**

**Comm. Maria L. Mendoza**  
Traffic Court  
Small Claims Court

**DEPARTMENT 21**

**Comm. Stephen Sillman**  
Child Support Department

XXXXXX