



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MONTEREY

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**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
3rd Floor

Hon. Stephanie E. Hulsey
Prison Cases
Parole & Post Release Community Supervision
(PRCS) Petitions
SVP & MDO Cases
Criminal Writs
Felony Arraignments
Civil Grand Jury Advisor

DEPARTMENT 2
3rd Floor

Hon. Andrew G. Liu
Felony Trial Department (AAA-COR)
Appellate Division

DEPARTMENT 3
3rd Floor

Hon. Pamela L. Butler
Supervising Judge, Criminal Division
Presiding Judge, Appellate Division
Felony Trial Department (COS-HAR)

DEPARTMENT 4
2nd Floor

Hon. Jennifer J. O'Keefe
Felony Trial Department (HAS-MEN)
Appellate Division

DEPARTMENT 5

2nd Floor

Hon. Rafael Vazquez

Assistant Presiding Judge

Felony Trial Department (MEO-ROM)

DEPARTMENT 6

2nd Floor

Hon. Mark E. Hood

Felony Trial Department (RON-ZZZ)

DEPARTMENT 7

1st Floor

Hon. Robert A. Burlison

Misdemeanor Trial Department (A-GON)

Appellate Division

DEPARTMENT 8

1st Floor

Hon. Jared A. Jefferson

Misdemeanor Trial Department (GOO-PEP)

DEPARTMENT 9

1st Floor

Hon. Ian A. Rivamonte

Misdemeanor Trial Department (PER-Z))

DEPARTMENT 10

B Level

Hon. Timothy P. 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

3rd Floor

Hon. Julie R. Culver

Probate Department
LPS Conservatorships
Adoptions
Unlawful Detainers
Small Claims Appeals
CARE Court

DEPARTMENT 13A

3rd 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

2nd Floor

Hon. Carrie M. Panetta

Presiding Judge
Direct Calendar Civil Law and Motion Department
Complex Civil
Ex Parte Calendar
Judicial Administration

DEPARTMENT 15

2nd Floor

Hon. Thomas W. Wills

Supervising Judge, Civil Division
Direct Calendar Civil Trial Department
Complex Civil
Ex Parte Calendar

DEPARTMENT 16

1st Floor

Hon. Judge Murat A. Ozgur

Family Law Department

DEPARTMENT 16A

1st Floor

Comm. Maria L. Mendoza

Three days/week

Civil Harassment Restraining Orders
Domestic Violence Restraining Orders

DEPARTMENT 17

1st Floor

Hon. Heidi K. Whilden

Family Law Department

KING CITY COURTHOUSE

DEPARTMENT 18

New Commissioner-TBD
2nd Tuesday of the Month
Traffic Court

MARINA COURTHOUSE

DEPARTMENT 20

Comm. Maria L. Mendoza/New Commissioner-TBD
Traffic Court
Small Claims Court

DEPARTMENT 21

Comm. Stephen A. Sillman
Child Support Department

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