



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

240 Church Street, Salinas, California 93901 - (831) 775-5400
www.monterey.courts.ca.gov

CARRIE M. PANETTA
Presiding Judge

RAFAEL VAZQUEZ
Asst. Presiding Judge

KATY GRANT
Court Executive Officer

MONTEREY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT ANNOUNCES JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2025

2025 Judicial Assignments
Effective January 1, 2025

Hon. Carrie M. Panetta, Presiding Judge

SALINAS COURTHOUSE

DEPARTMENT 1

3rd Floor

Hon. Stephanie E. Hulsey

Prison Cases

Parole & Post Release Community Supervision
(PRCS)

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. Elisabeth K. Mineta
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, Diversion and
1370.01)
Withdrawal of Consent to Adopt

DEPARTMENT 11
B Level

Hon. Murat A. Ozgur
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
CARE Court
Adoptions
Unlawful Detainers
Small Claims Appeals

DEPARTMENT 13A
3rd Floor

Hon. Ian A. Rivamonte
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. Vanessa W. Vallarta
Family Law Department

DEPARTMENT 16A

1st Floor

Comm. Maria L. Mendoza

Civil Harassment Restraining Orders

Domestic Violence Restraining Orders

DEPARTMENT 17

1st Floor

Hon. Heidi K. Whilden

Family Law Department

KING CITY COURTHOUSE

DEPARTMENT 18

Traffic Commissioner

2nd Tuesday of the Month

Traffic Court

DCSS/Comm. Stephen A. Sillman

3rd Wednesday of the month (6x/year)

MARINA COURTHOUSE

DEPARTMENT 20

Comm. William M. Litt & Comm. Maria L. Mendoza

Traffic Court

Small Claims Court

DEPARTMENT 21

Comm. Stephen A. Sillman

Child Support Department