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MONTEREY SUPERIOR COURT PRESIDING JUDGE ANNOUNCES JUDICIAL LEADERSHIP FOR 2022

Monterey Superior Court Presiding Judge Julie R. Culver is pleased to announce that the Honorable Carrie M. Panetta has been elected by the bench to serve as Monterey County Superior Court's next Assistant Presiding Judge and will commence her term effective January 1, 2022. Judge Panetta will serve as Assistant Presiding Judge (APJ) in 2022 – 2023 and as Presiding Judge (PJ) in 2024 – 2025.

Current Assistant Presiding Judge Pamela L. Butler will commence her term as Presiding Judge effective January 1, 2022 and will serve as Presiding Judge (PJ) in 2022-2023.

Judge Panetta has served on the Monterey County Superior Court bench since 2013, after being appointed to that position by Governor Jerry Brown. She currently presides over a felony trial department and serves as the Criminal Supervising Judge and the Presiding Judge of the Appellate Division. She previously served as an Alameda County Superior Court Judge from 2007 to 2013, after being appointed to that position by former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. While on the Alameda County bench, Judge Panetta served as the Criminal Executive Judge. Prior to being appointed to the bench, Judge Panetta was a deputy district attorney with the Alameda County District Attorney's Office and an associate with the law firm of Brobeck, Phleger and Harrison LLP in San Francisco.

Judge Panetta serves on the Board of Directors of the Foundation of California State University/Monterey Bay as well as on the Montage Board of Trustees, and is active in Girls, Inc. She is a member of the Judicial Council of California (JCC) Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions and the Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) Criminal Curriculum Committee. She previously served as Chair of the Criminal Working Group of the Commission on the Future of California's Court System. Judge Panetta frequently serves as a faculty member at continuing judicial education courses.

Judge Culver expressed, "I am deeply grateful that Judge Panetta is willing to take on this important leadership role in fulfilling the court's mission to provide access to justice to the people of Monterey County. ***I hope you will join me in welcoming Judge Panetta in her new Judicial Leadership role.***"

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It is the mission of the Monterey County Superior Court to serve the public in a respectful, courteous and efficient manner promoting trust and confidence in the legal system by providing fair, equal and open access to justice.