



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
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**San Mateo County Superior Court Bench Elects
Presiding Judge and Assistant Presiding Judge
For 2023-2024**

On September 9, 2022, the San Mateo County Superior Court Judges elected their Presiding Judge and Assistant Presiding Judge for the years 2023 and 2024. The Honorable Elizabeth K. Lee was selected as the Presiding Judge, having served as Assistant Presiding Judge for the past two years. The Honorable Stephanie G. Garratt will serve as the Assistant Presiding Judge.

Presiding Judge-Elect Lee was appointed to the bench in July of 2005. In addition to being the current Assistant Presiding Judge, Judge Lee is assigned as a Trial Judge, and also supervises the Commissioners and Pro Tem Judges.

Presiding Judge Leland Davis III stated *"Judge Lee is eminently qualified to serve as the Presiding Judge of our court. In addition to being our current Assistant Presiding Judge, she has served as the Supervising Judge of our criminal division, the Supervising Judge of our juvenile division and the Supervising Judge of our Northern Branch. Her steady hand and inclusive nature bode well for the court as we continue to work our way through the issues created by the pandemic. I can think of no other member of our court that is better suited or more prepared to guide us at this time.*

Assistant Presiding Judge-Elect Stephanie G. Garratt previously served as a Court Commissioner from 2004 through 2014, and was appointed as a judge in January of 2015. Judge Garratt presently serves as a preliminary hearing and trial judge.

Judge Davis noted, *“Judge Garratt is one of the hardest working judges on our bench. Her can-do attitude and dogged determination to find solutions will serve the court extremely well as she steps into her new role.”*

Both Judges will begin serving in their leadership roles on January 2, 2023.

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