



# Superior Court of California County of Sonoma

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## PRESS RELEASE

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**SONOMA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT NEW JUDGE KARLENE M. NAVARRO**

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**SANTA ROSA, CA – December 29, 2021** - Brad DeMeo, Presiding Judge of the Sonoma County Superior Court, announced the arrival of Karlene M. Navarro as the newest judge to the bench. Judge Navarro fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Allan D. Hardcastle.

“This is an outstanding judicial appointment. Judge Navarro’s breadth of experience and community leadership will be a welcome addition to the Court. The Sonoma County Superior Court bench is thrilled to welcome Judge Navarro as our colleague,” Judge DeMeo said.

Karlene M. Navarro, 45, of Petaluma, has been appointed to serve as a Judge in the Sonoma County Superior Court. Navarro served as Director of the Independent Office of Law Enforcement Review and Outreach for the County of Sonoma since 2019. From 2014-2019, she was in private practice as a criminal defense attorney maintaining a mixture of retained and court-appointed trial cases comprised mostly of serious and violent felonies. As part of her private practice, Ms. Navarro was an appellate attorney with both the First District Appellate Project and the Sixth District Appellate Program. In 2018, she was a professor of legal research, writing and analysis at the University of San Francisco School of Law. From 2007 to 2014, Ms. Navarro worked as a deputy public defender.



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Judge Navarro was sworn in during a private ceremony on Monday, December 27, 2021, by her husband, Judge Chris Honigsberg. Judge Navarro will preside over misdemeanor calendars and trials in Department 4 at the Hall of Justice.

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