

# SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO



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## NEW PRESIDING JUDGE AND ASSISTANT PRESIDING JUDGE ANNOUNCED

Fairfield, California – The Superior Court of California, County of Solano is pleased to announce the election of the Honorable Alesia F. Jones as the incoming Presiding Judge of the Court and the election of the Honorable William J. Pendergast, III as the incoming Assistant Presiding Judge of the Court, beginning January 1, 2024.

Judge Wendy G. Getty, current Presiding Judge said, “Our court and our community are fortunate to have judicial leaders such as Judge Alesia Jones serve as our incoming Presiding Judge and Judge William Pendergast as our incoming Assistant Presiding Judge. Each judicial officer is experienced, ethical, hard-working, intelligent and devoted to the rule of law. They bring invaluable experience and knowledge to the leadership of our bench and understand the critical importance of the work that we do and the community that we serve.”

Judge Alesia F. Jones, incoming Presiding Judge commented, “It has been my honor to serve as a judge of the Solano County Superior Court for the past 15 years. It is a privilege to have been selected by my fellow bench officers to serve as Presiding Judge of our distinguished court. I look forward to working with my colleagues and our excellent court staff to insure and improve access to justice for the community that we serve.”

Judge Alesia F. Jones earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California at Berkeley and her Juris Doctorate from the University of San Francisco School of Law. She worked as an associate at the law firm of Long & Levitt, LLP from 1991 to 1994, and a Deputy City Attorney with the Berkeley City Attorney’s office in 1994. Judge Jones also worked as a Deputy City Attorney with the Vallejo City Attorney’s office from 1994 until she was appointed to the Solano County Superior Court bench in 2008. She has served as Supervising Family Law Judge from 2010 to 2012 and Assistant Presiding Judge from 2022 to 2024. She has served in criminal, family and civil assignments.

Judge William J. Pendergast, III earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of California at Berkeley, and his Juris Doctorate from the University of California Hastings College of Law. Judge Pendergast worked as an associate with the law firm of Kilpatrick & Daniels from 1997 to 2002, and was a partner with Pendergast & Maher from 2002 to 2006 and Pendergast & Camarata from 2006 to 2008. He also worked as a sole practitioner, specializing in criminal defense, civil litigation, family law, personal injury and estates from 2008 to 2010. Judge Pendergast was a Deputy Public Defender with the Solano County Office of the Alternate Public Defender from 2010 to 2011. Judge Pendergast was appointed as a Commissioner to the Solano County bench in 2011, and elevated to judge in 2016. He has served as Supervising Criminal Law Judge since 2020.