



HON. TAMILA EBRAHIMI IPEMA
JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO COUNTY

The Honorable Tamila Ebrahimi Ipema received her Bachelors' Degree from Damavand College in Tehran, Iran. She received her Masters' Degree from the University of Louisville, and her J.D. degree from Brandeis School of Law in Louisville, Kentucky. She received an LL.M. Degree in International and Comparative Law from Georgetown University School of Law.

Judge Ipema has served as a judicial officer for nearly 14 years. She has experience in family, criminal, and civil courts. She previously practiced as an immigration defense attorney; as an Assistant District Counsel with the U.S. Department of Justice in immigration matters; as a judicial research attorney; and as a supervising research attorney for the Los Angeles Superior Court. She also served as a California Superior Court Commissioner in both Los Angeles and San Diego Counties prior to her appointment as a Judge to the San Diego Superior Court.

Judge Ipema received the National Association of Women Judge's (NAWJ) Mattie Belle Davis Award in 2013 for furthering the organization's mission of "Access to Justice for All." She received the Lawyers Club of San Diego's "International Woman of Color" award in 2015, and the "Friend of the Community Award" from Tom Homann Law Association, LGBTQ bar, in 2016. She received two "Outstanding Jurist Awards" from the San Diego County Bar Association and from the University of La Verne College of Law in 2016. In 2017, Judge Ipema was awarded the prestigious Alba Witkin Humanitarian Award by the California Judges

Association. Judge Ipema has served on the California Judicial Council's "Access and Fairness Advisory Committee," as well as the California Judicial College Curriculum committee, and has participated in workshops to incorporate fairness into all judicial education materials. Judge Ipema has extensive teaching experience at B. E. Witkin California Judicial College, and is very involved in her community mentoring children and law students to follow careers in law and the judiciary. She has chaired NAWJ's Color of Justice and Mentor Jet programs for 9 years, and she has chaired NAWJ's "Success Inside & Out" program for three years, a restorative justice and re-entry program helping incarcerated women to become productive members of the society. Judge Ipema has served on many different NAWJ committees in the past ten years including the "Informed Voter Project" (IVP) which is a civics education program educating the public about the importance of "Independence of Judiciary," and she has co-chaired the "Access and Fairness" and "Membership" Committees. Judge Ipema has served on the NAWJ Board of Directors and Executive Board as District Director for District 14 (2-year term), as Vice President of Districts, and as Treasurer. Judge Ipema took the oath of office on October 6, 2018, to lead the National Association of Women Judges in 2018-2019 as its President.