

The Honorable Terrie E. Roberts



Judge Terrie E. Roberts was appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom to the San Diego Superior Court on October 25, 2019. Prior to her appointment, she served as a Superior Court Commissioner on behalf of the San Diego Superior Court since May of 2008, making history by becoming the first African American woman to be appointed as a Commissioner in San Diego County. Judge Roberts currently presides over a civil restraining order calendar and has previously presided over various calendars including, family support, misdemeanor arraignments, traffic arraignments, small claims, and unlawful detainer matters.

Prior to her appointment as a Commissioner, Judge Roberts served as a San Diego County Deputy District Attorney from 2001 to 2008, handling various felony and misdemeanor cases, including cases involving sexually violent predators. Prior to joining the District Attorney's Office, she was a sole practitioner and handled criminal defense and personal injury matters. Prior to opening her law practice, she worked as a business litigation associate for the Law Offices of Beatrice Kemp, and also worked as a Deputy Public Defender for the San Diego County Public Defender's Office from 1992 to 1995.

Judge Roberts is very active in her community and in teaching locally and state-wide. In 2014, she was awarded President Barack Obama's Call to Service Award for her continuous service to the San Diego community. In 2008, she was the recipient of the San Diego County Bar Association's Outstanding Service by a Public Attorney Award and the recipient of the Community Service Award from the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association in 1994. Since 2009, she has taught Bench Conduct and Demeanor for Temporary Judges on behalf of the San Diego County Superior Court, and since 2015, she has taught newly appointed judicial officers from across the state during the New Judges Orientation program on behalf of the Judicial Council of California. Judge Roberts also serves as a faculty member for Qualifying Ethics (QE7), a course required for judicial officers statewide. Judge Roberts also currently serves as an adjunct professor on behalf of Sandra Day O'Connor's School of Law's MLS Program, where she teaches Criminal Procedure.

Judge Roberts is married and has two amazing daughters, ages 20 and 19.