



Judge Erica R. Yew, Santa Clara County Superior Court, California

Governor Gray Davis appointed Judge Yew, a San Jose native, to the Santa Clara County Superior Court on October 2, 2001. Yew is the first Asian-American female to serve on this bench.

Yew was unanimously appointed by the California Supreme Court to the Committee on Judicial Ethics Opinions (CJEO) on May 1, 2019. She served on the California Commission on Judicial Performance (CJP) from December 2010 to April 2019 and chaired the CJP for two and a half years. From 2009 to 2012, Yew was a member of the California Judicial Council, which is the policymaking body of the California Courts. She has returned to the Judicial Council as a member in her role as President of CJA. Yew was appointed in July 2014 to

the Judicial Council's Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness (PAF) and served until September 2021.

She has served on the California Access to Justice Commission (CATJC) since July 2014 and she co-founded and co-chairs the CATJC's Racial Justice and Intersectionality Committee. Currently, Yew is a member of the board for the National Center for State Courts and chairs the Programs Committee. She is also the President of the California Judges Association (CJA). She co-chaired and co-founded the CJA Mindfulness and Wellness Committee and helped to create a website that is open for bench officers nationally to connect them with information to support professional wellness. She is also a co-chair of the California Judicial Mentor Program, a statewide judicial mentoring program jointly established by Governor Newsom, Judicial Appointment Secretary Luis Céspedes and the judiciary.

Yew has taught on a number of topics that include judicial ethics, working with self-represented litigants, elimination of bias, language access, and collaborative courts. She has instructed through the California Judicial Education and Research program (CJER), Children and Family Futures, the Rutter Group, California Judges Association, the National Center for State Courts/Center for Judicial Ethics, the National Judicial College, and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals among other entities.

She is a Past President of the California Asian-American Judges Association (CAPAJA) and Past President of the NAPABA Judicial Council, which is the national association of Asian-American judicial officers. Yew has also served on the national board for ReSurge (formerly known as Interplast) which provides reconstructive cleft palate and burn surgeries globally, the Santa Clara County (SCC) Law Library Board, and the SCC Child Abuse Council. In 2008 and 2009, Yew chaired the Good Samaritan Hospital Board and served on the hospital's Bioethics Committee. She is an American Leadership Forum (ALF) senior fellow, Class XV. Currently, she co-facilitates ALF's AAPI Caucus.