



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
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**San Mateo County Superior Court Bench Elects  
Presiding Judge and Assistant Presiding Judge  
for 2021-2022**

On September 11, 2020, the San Mateo County Superior Court Judges elected their Presiding Judge and Assistant Presiding Judge for the years 2021 and 2022. The Honorable Leland Davis III was selected as the Presiding Judge, having served as Assistant Presiding Judge for the past two years. The Honorable Elizabeth K. Lee will serve as the Assistant Presiding Judge.

Judge Davis was appointed to the bench in December 2010. In addition to being the current Assistant Presiding Judge, Judge Davis is assigned as a Trial Judge, and also supervises the Commissioners and Pro Tem Judges.

Presiding Judge Jonathan E. Karesh stated *"Judge Davis is well prepared to take on this very important role as Presiding Judge of our court. We have worked together side-by-side over the last two years. He is hard-working, collaborative and inclusive in his approach to the administration of justice. I know the bench will welcome his leadership in these difficult and unprecedented times."*

Assistant Presiding Judge-Elect Elizabeth K. Lee was appointed to the bench in July of 2005. Judge Lee presently serves as the Supervising Judge of the Northern Branch in South San Francisco, as well as a preliminary hearing and trial judge.

Judge Karesh stated, *"With her experience, background and leadership, I have full confidence in Judge Lee's new role as our Assistant Presiding Judge."*

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