



CHAMBERS OF
MICHAEL M. MARKMAN
Presiding Judge
Department 1

René C. Davidson Courthouse
1225 Fallon Street
Oakland, CA 94612

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
GENERAL DIRECTIVE BY THE PRESIDING JUDGE

DIRECTIVE NO: 2026-02
SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF PRESIDING/SUPERVISING
JUDGES

Pursuant to rule 10.603(c)(1)(A) of the California Rules of Court, the following are designated to act as the presiding or supervising judge for the corresponding case types and/or court locations, effective January 1, 2026:


Hon. Somnath Raj Chatterjee	Supervising Judge of Civil and of the County Administration Building – 1221 Oak Street, Oakland 94612
Hon. Scott Patton	Supervising Judge of Criminal and of the René C. Davidson Courthouse – 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland 94612
Hon. Elena Condes	Supervising Judge of the Wiley W. Manuel Courthouse – 661 Washington Street, Oakland 94607
Hon. Thomas Nixon	Supervising Judge of the East County Hall of Justice – 5151 Gleason Drive, Dublin 94568
Hon. Michael Gaffey	Supervising Judge of the Fremont Hall of Justice – 39439 Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont 94538
Hon. Arturo Castro	Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court and Supervising Judge of the Juvenile Justice Center – 2500 Fairmont Drive, San Leandro 94578
Hon. Michael Bishay	Supervising Judge of Family and of the Hayward Hall of Justice – 24405 Amador Street, Hayward 94544
Hon. Brad Seligman	Supervising Judge of Civil, Settlement and of the George E. McDonald Hall of Justice – 2233 Shoreline Drive, Alameda 94501
Hon. Elisa Della-Piana	Supervising Judge of Collaborative Courts at Wiley W. Manuel Courthouse 661 Washington Street, Oakland 94607

Hon. Barbara Dickinson	Supervising Judge of the Berkeley Courthouse – 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Berkeley 94704
Hon. Sandra Bean	Supervising Judge of Probate
Hon. Mark Fickes	Supervising Judge of Traffic

Pursuant to rule 10.603(d), the duties provided for in rule 10.603(b)(1)(B), rule 10.603(c)(1)(D), and rule 10.603(c)(9) are delegated to the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court and the Supervising Judges of Civil, Criminal, Family, Probate, and Settlement. This delegation of authority under rule 10.603(c)(1)(D) includes the authority to reassign or direct the reassignment of cases between trial judges in the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court's or a Supervising Judge's case type as the result of the disqualification of another judge of that case type pursuant to sections 170.1 through 170.6 of the Code of Civil Procedure, an order declaring cases related pursuant to rule 3.300 of the California Rules of Court, or a party's refusal to stipulate to a Commissioner serving as a temporary judge. The Supervising Judge of Civil may assign or reassign coordinated cases.

This directive shall expire on December 31, 2026.

Issued: January 1, 2026



Michael M. Markman, Presiding Judge
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