



**Superior Court of California
County of Orange**

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**Nancy Wieben Stock is Elected Orange County Superior Court's
New Presiding Judge**

Santa Ana - Judges of the Orange County Superior Court unanimously elected Nancy Wieben Stock as Presiding Judge and Kim G. Dunning as the Assistant Presiding Judge at an election held Friday, June 17, announced Presiding Judge Fred Horn. Both will begin their two-year term in January 2006, when the terms of the current Presiding Judge and Assistant Presiding Judge expire.

“Our Court has been preparing to meet many new challenges. I feel good about where we are going and look forward to continuing to lead these efforts” said Judge Stock.

Judge Stock has served as the Assistant Presiding Judge since January 2004. Her prior judicial assignments include Supervising Judge of the Family Law Panel and Presiding Judge of the Superior Court Appellate Division. She has served on the general civil, felony and family law panels. She has served as a member of the Judicial Council of California’s Advisory Committee on Family and Juvenile Law and currently serves as co-chair of the Judicial Council’s Model Jury Summons Work Group.

In addition to her court activities, Judge Stock has been active in organizations designed to improve the bench and bar. At one time she chaired an Orange County Bar Association project to create a Judicial Education Pamphlet, “Avoiding the Appearance of Gender Bias in Court.” The pamphlet, signed by the Chief Justice, was distributed as a training tool to every bench officer in California. She was on the founding Board of Directors of the Association of Business Trial lawyers [ABTL] and in 1997 received the Orange County Trial Lawyers Jerrold Oliver Award for “Judicial Integrity, Compassion & Courage”. She was also the 1996 Judge of the Year for The American Board of Trial Advocates and 1993 Judge of the Year for the Constitutional Rights Foundation, Orange County Chapter.

Judge Stock was appointed to the Superior Court in 1990 by Governor George Deukmejian. Before becoming a judge, she was a federal prosecutor for 12 years, from 1978 to 1990, serving in the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Central District of California. There, she served as the First Assistant to the Chief of the Criminal Division, Chief of major Crimes and Chief of the Santa Ana Branch. After graduating from law school, she was in private practice for an Orange County law firm for approximately two years.

Judge Stock received a B.A. in Political Science from the University of California Davis where she was valedictorian of her graduating class in 1973. She received her J.D. from the University of California Davis, Martin Luther King, Jr. School of Law in 1976.

Judge Kim G. Dunning is currently assigned to the Court’s Civil Complex Panel. She was appointed to the Superior Court in 1997 by Governor Pete Wilson. Before becoming a judge, she was an attorney in private practice, a senior research attorney for Associate Justice Thomas F. Crosby, Court of Appeal, 4th District, and served as a Deputy City Attorney for the City of Santa Ana.

Judge Dunning is an active member of the Court’s Executive Committee and she is a member of the statewide Judicial Council’s Court Technology Advisory Committee that proposes rules, standards, or legislation to ensure privacy, access, and security; and assists courts in acquiring and developing technology applications. She also participates in Mock Trial and Peer Court programs offered by the Constitutional Rights Foundation, Orange County Chapter, a non-profit educational organization that helps students understand the justice system and become better citizens.

Judge Dunning received her B.A. in Economics from Stanford University in 1972 . She received her J.D. from Southern Methodist University School of Law, Dallas, Texas, in 1977.

In addition to the election for presiding judge and assistant presiding judge, the judges and commissioners of the Superior Court elected members and alternate members to the Court’s Executive Committee for the term July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2007. The Executive Committee which is chaired by the presiding judge is the principal policy-making body of the court. The assistant presiding judge serves as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee:

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate Member</u>
Group 1:	Hon. David T. McEachen	Hon. Warren Siegel
Group 2:	Hon. Thierry Colaw	Hon. William Monroe
Group 3:	Hon. Craig Robison	Hon. Caryl Lee
Group 4:	Hon. David Thompson	Hon. Clay Smith
Group 5:	Hon. Robert Moss	Hon. Salvador Sarmiento
Commissioner	Hon. Cheryl Leininger	Hon. Duane Neary

* The Orange County Superior Court has 143 judicial officers, 1600 employees and operates on a \$170 million annual budget.

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