



Judge Teri L. Jackson is currently the presiding judge for the Superior Court of California. Judge Jackson has served on the San Francisco bench since September 2002. She was the supervising judge for litigation involving asbestos for the California Environment Quality Act and the Criminal Grand Jury. She served on the court's Appellate Division from 2009 to 2012. Before her appointment to the bench, she worked for a San Francisco law firm, specializing in complex litigation, employee defense, real estate, trade secrets, and white-collar defense trials before state and federal courts (1997–2002). She was a prosecutor for more than 15 years, first in the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office (1981–1984) and later in the San Francisco District Attorney's Office (1984–1997). She serves as an adjunct law professor at both Hastings College of the Law and the University of San Francisco School of Law. Judge Jackson was appointed in 2010 to the Judicial Council as an advisory member, becoming a voting member in 2011. She served on the council's Criminal Law Advisory Committee (2010–2011) and was a member of the council's Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions (2009–2010). She also served on a special team of assigned judges that helped reduce the criminal case backlog in Riverside County (2007–2008).