



## Hon. Barbara A. Kronlund, Ret.



Results Beyond Dispute<sup>SM</sup>

Judge Kronlund brings more than three decades of judicial leadership and extensive litigation experience to her role as a neutral with Judicate West. Widely respected for her fairness and preparation, she is known for her attentive listening and ability to connect with parties, helping uncover the underlying interests and motivations that drive disputes and guide them toward meaningful resolution. Judge Kronlund served on the San Joaquin County Superior Court for 30 years, presiding over a wide range of matters throughout her judicial career. Her assignments included felony trials, juvenile delinquency, and ultimately a long tenure in the court's Direct Civil department, where she handled complex civil litigation and also served as Supervising Civil Judge. Earlier in her judicial career, she served as a court commissioner, conducting civil trials and settlement conferences across multiple case types. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Kronlund served as a deputy district attorney in both San Joaquin and Sacramento counties, where she prosecuted a wide variety of criminal matters, including cases involving child abuse and sexual assault. A recognized leader in the legal community, Judge Kronlund has received numerous honors for her service, including the ABOTA Judicial Civility Award and multiple community service and judicial education awards. Her decades of judicial experience and commitment to fairness allow her to guide parties through complex disputes with clarity, patience, and respect.

### LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Full-time Neutral, Judicate West (2026-Present)
- Judge, San Joaquin County Superior Court (2005-2025); Supervising Juvenile Judge, Juvenile Delinquency (2005-2008); Presiding Juvenile Judge, Juvenile Delinquency (2008-2009); Felony trials (2009-2010); Supervising Civil Judge, Direct Civil Department (2015-2016)
- Presiding Judge and Founder, San Joaquin County's Veterans' Treatment Court (2015-2020)
- Presiding Judge and Founder, San Joaquin County's Homeless Court (2006-2025)
- Commissioner, San Joaquin County Superior Court (1995-2005); Handled all case types in limited jurisdiction, including civil settlement conferences and civil trials
- Deputy District Attorney and Unit Supervisor, San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office (1990-1995); Supervisor of Child Abuse & Sexual Assault Unit (1994-1995)
- Intern & Deputy District Attorney, Sacramento County District Attorney's Office (1987-1990)

### EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D. with Distinction, McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific (1989)
- B.A., Cum Laude, Pepperdine University (1985)
- L.L.M./ Straus Institute of Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine Caruso School of Law
- Mandatory Qualifying Judicial Ethics, California Center for Judicial Education and Research, Faculty (2010-Present)
- New Judge Orientation, California Center for Judicial Education and Research - San Francisco, Faculty (2007-2025)
- Judicial Mentor Program, Executive Committee Member (2021-2024)
- California Judges Association's Judicial Fairness Coalition, Co-Chair (2018-2023); Executive Board (2011-2014); Vice-President (2012-2013)
- Justice William J. Murray Jr. Unity Bar of San Joaquin County, Founder (2021)
- San Joaquin County Bar Association, Member (1990-Present); Reestablished Women Lawyers Section, Vice President (2000)
- California Commission on Judicial Performance, Special Master by appointment of the California Supreme Court (2019)
- California Asian-Pacific American Judge Association, Member

## PRACTICE AREAS

- Asian-Pacific Islander section, San Joaquin County Bar Association, Member
- Member of numerous judicial committees

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All types of Personal Injury including Sexual Assault; Business/Commercial; Employment; Government/Public Entity; Medical Negligence

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## ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- First female South Asian American judge in California
- Published author of judicial ethics opinions, law journal articles, and professional legal publications
- National ABOTA Champion of Justice Award (2025)
- McGeorge School of Law - University of the Pacific Alumni of Honor (2024)
- Justice William J. Murray Jr. Unity Bar of San Joaquin County Inclusivity Award (2023)
- Unity Bar of Sacramento, Cruz Reynoso Bar Association Community Service Award (2023)
- Unity Bar of Sacramento, South Asian Bar Association Community Service Award (2022)
- CAL-ABOTA William W. Bedsworth Judicial Civility Award (2022)
- California Judges Association and California Lawyers Association Excellence in Civics Engagement Award
- Sacramento Chapter of ABOTA Judge of the Year Award (2015)
- Wonder Women Spotlight, San Joaquin Magazine (2015)
- California Judges Association Bernard S. Jefferson Award (2011)
- San Joaquin County Bar Association Law Day Award (2010)
- Mediation Center of San Joaquin County Peacemaker of the Year Award (2000)

## HOBBIES & INTERESTS

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Judge Kronlund loves to teach Judicial Ethics to judges and is currently teaching Criminal Trial practice at a local law school. She also enjoys horseback riding and hiking. She has four dogs, three of which were rescued.

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## LOCATIONS

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Northern California, All of California

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