

JUDGE DESIRÉE A. BRUCE-LYLE

Superior Court of California, San Diego County

Since her appointment to the bench by Governor Davis in 2001, Judge Bruce-Lyle's assignments have included a Criminal Trial Department, Drug Court, Juvenile Delinquency, Prop 36 (PC 1210) Court, Superior Court Appellate Panel, and AB 109 Post Judgment Courts. More recently, Judge Bruce-Lyle's judicial leadership has been vital to managing San Diego's challenging AB 109 population. Presently, Judge Bruce-Lyle presides over courts she implemented, including: Reentry Court, Mandatory Supervision Court, Post-Release Community Supervision Revocations, and Parole Revocations.

Judge Bruce-Lyle's pioneering efforts in collaborative courts and with the AB 109 population have earned her statewide attention. In addition to her judicial assignments, Judge Bruce-Lyle has traveled throughout California as a distinguished panelist for Judicial Council training sessions and California Judges Association conferences. In 2006, Judge Bruce-Lyle served as Special Master for the Commission on Judicial Performance.

Prior to her appointment, Judge Bruce-Lyle served as a Workers' Compensation Administrative Law Judge from 1992-2001 and a Workers' Compensation Referee from 1991-1992. She worked as Deputy County Counsel from 1982-1991. Born in Ghana, Judge Bruce-Lyle earned her Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Zambia, School of Law. She received her Master of Laws degree from the University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall Law School.