

## **JUDGE ELIZABETH K. LEE**

Superior Court of California, San Mateo County  
San Mateo, CA

Judge Elizabeth Lee was appointed to the Superior Court bench of San Mateo County in July of 2005. She is the first Asian Pacific American judge to serve on the bench in San Mateo County. In addition to her current assignment as a Juvenile Court Judge where she handles delinquency and dependency matters, Judge Lee presides over matters in the Youth Court of East Palo Alto and is the head of San Mateo County's Blue Ribbon Commission on Foster Care. Judge Lee remains involved in promoting a greater awareness of human trafficking particularly with respect to children who have been sexually and commercially exploited, working with other stakeholders in the court system to improve services to these minor victims. She is also a member of the California Judicial Council's Advisory Committee on Collaborative Justice Courts. She is currently Chair of the Human Trafficking subcommittee for the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ). Prior to joining the bench, Lee worked as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Attorney's Office in the Northern District of California, working on a number of criminal investigations involving human trafficking. She served as the Deputy Chief of the Organized Crime Strike Force from 1999 to 2005. Judge Lee also worked as an Associate for the law firm of Marron, Reid & Sheehy in San Francisco. She was Assistant United States Attorney for the Attorney's Office in the District of Columbia, and as a Trial Attorney in the Honors Program for the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, in Washington, D.C. Judge Lee earned her JD from Columbia University School of Law in 1983, and a B.A. in Economics from the University of California at Berkeley in 1979.