

JUDGE MARGIE GUNTARDT WOODS

Superior Court of California, County of San Diego
San Diego, California

The Honorable Margie Gunthardt Woods of the Superior Court of California presides over criminal cases. She also hears juvenile and family law cases.

A 25 year veteran of her court, Judge Woods began her judicial career as a Juvenile Court Referee presiding over dependency and delinquency cases from 1987 to 1990. She then served as a Municipal and Superior Court Commissioner from 1993 to 2001, when she was appointed a Judge of the Superior Court by California Governor Gray Davis.

Judge Woods has been active in the San Diego legal community through the San Diego Lawyers Club, Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego, and the San Diego County Bar Association (SDCBA). She has been a supporter and participant with Volunteers in Parole (VIP) Mentor Program for youthful offenders matched with attorneys at law after the offender's release from incarceration. Judge Woods has also been a volunteer with Meals on Wheels Greater San Diego for over 30 years. She has served on their Board of Trustees for over 15 years including as president in 1998. Also active in educating fellow judges, Judge Woods has served as a seminar leader and faculty member with the California Judicial Education and Research (CJER) New Judicial Officer (NJO) Orientation Programs and Judicial College since 1995. She has taught and been a panelist in the areas of family law, juvenile law, ethnicity and cultural differences and gender issues. In 2011 she was invited to serve as Co-Chair for the 2014 NAWJ Annual Conference in San Diego. She was a primary planner for the first Color of Justice Program offered in San Diego in the spring of 2011 and she served as Co-Chair in 2012.

Judge Woods received her undergraduate degree at the University of Northern Colorado BA in 1976 and Juris Doctor at the University of San Diego School of Law in 1980. She was born in Jakarta, Indonesia and immigrated with her parents to The Netherlands as an infant. Her family immigrated to the United States in 1960 settling in Denver, Colorado where she grew up. While in law school in San Diego, Judge Woods met her husband of 35 years, Charlie Woods, a Brooklyn native. They have a son, Richard, who lives and works in Manhattan, New York.