


C. DON CLAY
Retired Judge of the Superior Court
County of Alameda



JUDICIAL

Appointed September 17, 2003 - Governor Gray Davis
Elected uncontested November 2006, 2012, and 2018-to-six-year terms

Retired-March 29, 2024

JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Jan 1, 2023 – Nov 2, 2023	Assigned to Probate
Jan 1, 2020-Dec 31, 2022	Criminal Division Jury Trials and North County Felony Law and Motion
Jan 1, 2014-Dec 31, 2019	Supervising Judge Rene C. Davidson Felony and civil direct jury trials calendars. Ancillary assigned criminal Felony law and motion and Habeas Corpus Writs
March 2016-June 30, 2018	Appellate Division of the Court Appeals from all County limited Civil matters and Misdemeanor crime matters
Jan 1, 2012-Dec 31, 2013	Presiding Judge of Alameda County Executive Judicial Officer of the County In charge of Judicial Assignments, Committee Appointments, and Court budget and operations
Jan. 1, 2010-Dec 31, 2011	Assistant Presiding Judge of Alameda County Supervising Judge of Southern Alameda County

Felony jury trials and Civil court trials.
Civil law and motion.

Jan 1, 2008-Dec
31, 2009

Criminal jury trials Rene C. Davidson Court
Felony jury trials. Ancillary assigned to handle all
Elder Abuse cases in the County, which includes all
cases with civil protection orders and all criminal
cases from arraignment to jury trial

Jan 2006-Dec 31, 2007

Executive Judge for Northern Alameda County

Assigned to the Rene C. Davidson
Courthouse (all cities in the jurisdiction
from Albany to Oakland). Supervised the
felony trial judges for Northern Alameda
County. Responsible for approving all
felony plea bargains and sentencing all
felony defendants in these plea bargain
matters. Handle all felony probation
violations. Heard all criminal pretrial
motions, excluding Penal Code section 995
and 1538.5 motions. Conduct all pretrials
for criminal cases following preliminary
hearings. Assigned all felony criminal cases
to jury trial departments.

Jan 2005-Dec 31, 2005

Executive Judge for Southern Alameda County

Assigned to the Hayward Hall of Justice (all
cities in the jurisdiction from San Leandro to
Fremont/Livermore). Supervised the felony
and misdemeanor trial judges for Southern
Alameda County. Responsible for
approving all felony plea bargains and
sentencing all felony defendants in these
plea bargain matters. Handled all felony
probation violations. Heard all criminal
pretrial motions, excluding Penal Code
section 1538.5 motions. Conducted all
pretrials for criminal cases following

preliminary hearings. Assigned all misdemeanor and felony criminal cases to jury trial departments. Assigned all preliminary hearings to hearing departments.

June 2004-Dec 2004

Assigned to the Wiley Manuel Courthouse in Oakland. Heard felony preliminary hearings and jury trials. Handled civil case management on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Jan 2004-May 31, 2004

Assigned to the Willey Manuel Courthouse. Misdemeanor and felony law and motions. Conducted all felony pretrials before preliminary hearings. Tuesday mornings assigned to the John George Mental Health calendar, conducting all conservatorship hearings. Fridays long cause preliminary hearings.

Oct 1, 2003-Dec 31, 2003

Assigned to the Wiley Manuel Courthouse assigned miscellaneous civil and criminal departments.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEES

Oct 2003-Dec 2011, Jan 2013- Feb 2023

Alameda County Superior Court Criminal Committee
Chair 2006-2007

Jan 2008- March 2024

Alameda County Superior Court Security Committee
Chair 2008-2019

Jan 2006-Dec 31, 2006

Elected to Alameda County Superior Court Executive Committee (Court governing body)

Jan 2009-Dec 31, 2017
Sept 1, 2021-Dec 31, 2021
Jan 2022- Jan 2023

Jan 1,2014- March 2024	987.6 Committee (death penalty attorney funding request authorizing body)
Jan 1, 2018- Oct 2023	Chair of Court Personnel Committee (vetting of executive applicants for court hiring)
Jan 1, 2018- Jan 2023	Strategic Planning Committee
Jan 1, 2018-Dec 31, 2019	Judicial Access Committee

STATEWIDE JUDICIAL COMMITTEES

July 26, 2019-March 2024	Special Master - Commission on Judicial Performance Appointed by Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court to serve in proceedings reviewing and hearing Statewide judicial misconduct discipline complaints
Jan 2015-June 2017	Commission on the Future of California Courts (CFCC) Fiscal/Administration of Courts Subgroup Appointed by Chief Justice of California Supreme Court to review and recommend potential changes on State Court operations
Jan 1, 2010-Dec 2013	Trial Courts Presiding Judge Advisory Committee (TCPJAC) Governing body for State trial courts. Membership consists of all Presiding Judge of the 58 Counties. Advises and addresses issues that directly relate to the operations and policy of the State trial courts.
Jan 1, 2012-Dec 2013	TCPJAC Executive Committee Appointed by Chief Justice of California Supreme court one of 16 Presiding Judge from throughout the State. Members review and recommend to TCPJAC actions to be taken on item of interest to the trial

courts

July 1, 2013-Dec 2014

Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC)

Appointed by Chief Justice of California Supreme Court to advise Judicial Council on the preparation, development, and implementation of the budget for the trial courts and provides input to the council on policy issues affecting trial court funding.

July 1, 2013-June 2014

TCBAC Revenue and Expenditure Review Sub-Committee

Line-item review of revenue and expenditure request for state court budget discretionary category spending of all counties

July 1, 2013-June 2014

TCBAC Criminal Realignment Sub-Committee

March 1, 2012-July 1, 2013

Trial Court Budget Working Group (TCBWG)

Appointed by Chief Justice of California Supreme Court to advise Judicial Council on the preparation, development and implementation of the budget for the trial courts and provides input to the council on policy issues affecting trial court funding

Aug 1, 2012-July 1, 2013

TCBWG Revenue and Expenditures Sub-Committee

Line-item review of revenue and expenditure request for state court budget discretionary category spending of all

Jan 1, 2010-Dec 31, 2012

Bay Area Northern Coastal Regional Courts Working Group

March 1, 2012-June 2014

**TCPJAC Liaison - Probate and Mental Health
Advisory Committee**

March 1, 2012-June 2014

**TCBWG Liaison – Court Appointed
Dependency Counsel Committee**

Nov 14 – 16, 2012

**Presiding Judge Orientation and Court
Management Program – Faculty - Office of
Education/CJER**

EMPLOYMENT

Sept 2002 – Sept 2003

**First Assistant United States Attorney for
the Northern District of California**

Served as Acting US Attorney during US
Attorney's absence.
Supervised day to day operations of US
Attorney's office.
Managed all public corruption and civil
rights cases.

Feb. 1998 - Sept. 2002

Law Office of C. Don Clay

Private practice of law: civil and criminal.

Feb 1995 - Feb 1998

Law Office of Clay & White

Private practice of law in conjunction with
the Honorable Clinton W. White,
Retired Justice of California Court of
Appeal.
Practice of law with emphasis on civil
litigation, sports and
entertainment law, complex white collar
criminal defense and appeals.

Nov. 1992 – Jan 1995

Law Offices of C. Don Clay

Private practice of law with emphasis on civil litigation, sports and entertainment law and complex white collar criminal defense.

Feb. 1989 – Oct. 1992

Law Offices of Clay, Hall & Hove

Managing Partner of five attorney office, specializing in civil litigation, business and municipal finance, sports and entertainment law and complex white collar criminal defense.

May 1987 – Jan. 1989

Law Offices of C. Don Clay

Jan 1985 – April 1987

Law Offices of DuBois, Hove & Clay

Partner in a six-attorney office, specializing in civil litigation, sports and entertainment law and complex white collar criminal defense.

Dec 1981 – Dec 1984

Law Offices of DuBois & Hove

Associate attorney handling primarily civil litigation, sports and entertainment law.

EDUCATION

May 1981

Juris Doctor
University of California
Hastings College of Law
San Francisco, California

March 1978

B.S., Computer Science
University of California at Berkeley
Berkeley, California

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

1981

California State Supreme Court

1981

United States District Court
Northern District of California

1982

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

1985

United States District Court
Eastern District of Michigan

1989

United States Supreme Court

1990

United States District Court
Eastern District of California

1994

United States District Court
State of Nevada

COMMISSIONS

Aug. 1995 – Feb. 1996

Fire Commission
Appointed by Mayor Frank Jordan
City and County of San Francisco

Feb 1993 – Aug 1995

Juvenile Probation Commission
Appointed by Mayor Frank Jordan
City and County of San Francisco

Feb. 1994 – Aug. 1995

President

1989 – Feb. 1993

Juvenile Justice Commission
Appointed by Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court
City and County of San Francisco

1991 – Feb. 1993

President

BOARDS

July 2015-Oct 2023

Alameda County Law Library Commission

Appointed by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors (Governing body for County law library)

2016

Vice President of the Board

Jan 2018-Dec 31, 2019

President of the Board

Jan 1, 2009-Dec 31, 2011

Board of Directors

The Olympic Club

First and only African American elected to Board in the 150+ years existence of the Club San Francisco, California

2011

Vice President of the Board

2000-2005

Board of Regents

Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption San Francisco

(Appointed by Archbishop Laveda)

1994-2001

Trustee, Executive Board

University of California at Berkeley

College of Letters & Science

Appointed by the Chancellor Advisory Board to Chancellor

1994 – May 2003

Board of Trustees

Schools of the Sacred Heart

San Francisco, California

1100 students Private School - Convent of the Sacred Heart High School and Elementary School for Girls and Stuart Hall High School and Elementary School for Boys

July 1999 – July 2002

Chair of the Board

May 1996 – 2003

Board of Directors

Huckleberry Youth Foundation, Inc.

San Francisco, California

Service and shelter provider for runaway youth

June 1996 – 2004

Board of Trustees

Gateway High School

San Francisco, California

Founding member of charter school

First of its kind public high school that integrates educating children with learning disabilities with non-learning disabled children.

Jan 2000 – March 2024

Board of Directors

Crossroads Mentoring Program

Founding member of non-profit organization setup by the Alameda County Superior Courts to counsel and mentor men and women in the criminal justice system on felony probation with the goal of providing them with educational and job opportunities

March 2001 – Dec 2005

President of the Board

April 2007 – May 2010

Board of Trustees

Network of the Schools of the Sacred Heart

St. Charles, Missouri

6-member Governing Board recommending policy and curriculum for the private schools located in 23 cities in the United States

Jan. 1992 – Dec. 1997

Board of Directors

Wiley Manuel Law Foundation

Oakland, California

Jan. 1988 – March 1996

Board of Directors

San Francisco Shakespeare Festival

Founding member of statewide cultural and education organization for the Shakespeare arts in schools and regional areas of California

Jan .1992 – Jan 1994

President of the Board

Jan. 1988 – Dec. 1990

**Board of Directors
Friends of the Oakland Park and
Recreation**

Jan. 1984 – Dec. 1987

**Board of Directors
Dunsmuir Historical House and Gardens
Oakland, California**

Jan. 1986 – Dec. 1987

President of the Board

ASSOCIATIONS

Bar Associations

Dec. 1981 – Sept. 2003

California State Bar Association

1981 – Jan 2023

Alameda County Bar Association

1981 – Dec 2023

Charles Houston Bar Association

1982 - 1988

National Bar Association

1991 – 1998

San Francisco Bar Association

1998 – 2000

Los Angeles County Bar Association

Sept 2004 – Sept 2006

Earl Warren Inns of Court

Other Associations

1996 – present

**The Olympic Club
San Francisco, California**

2006 – 2008

Legal Committee

2007 - 2008

Chair of Committee

2012, 2013

Board Nominations Committee

	(Review and recommend to Board and Membership a slate of candidates selected for nominations each year to become Board of Director members)
2020- Dec 31, 2023	Chair of Committee – 2022 and 2023
2012 – 2015	Special Projects Committee
Jan 2017-Dec 31, 2019	Golf Tournament Committee
2018-2019	Chair of Committee
1990 – Dec 31, 2020	Commonwealth Club of California
1975 – present	Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity