



Superior Court of California County of Tuolumne

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PRESS RELEASE

It is with mixed emotions that I am announcing the retirement of the Honorable Judge Kate Powell Segerstrom from the Superior Court of California, County of Tuolumne. It has been my honor and pleasure to spend thirty-six years in the legal profession working with her, both in our private legal practices before becoming judges and as colleagues on the bench.

Governor Jerry Brown appointed Judge Powell Segerstrom to the bench on December 4, 2013, and she was sworn in on December 20, 2013. She ran unopposed for two additional terms, before filing for retirement in September, effective January 31, 2022.

Judge Powell Segerstrom's career also includes her longtime tenure as a business and litigation attorney in Tuolumne County, first with the well-known law firm of Diehl, Steinheimer, Riggio, Haydel & Mordaunt based in Stockton, California, and then in her own private practice on Washington Street between the two Sonora courthouses. She also served as a Judge Pro Tem for the Tuolumne County Superior Court, and as a private arbitrator and mediator. During her time in private practice she was appointed to serve on the Courthouse Project Advisory Group, the Trial Court Coordination Committee, the ADR Advisory Committee, the Tuolumne County Narcotics Task Force and the Law Library Board of Trustees.

Judge Segerstrom actively served our community in many capacities, both before and after her appointment to the bench. In 2019 Judge Powell Segerstrom was named the recipient of the Irving J. Symons Award for outstanding community service. Prior to taking the bench she served as a member of numerous governing boards for a variety of public and private agencies and non-profit organizations, including the Sonora Union High School District, Sonora Regional Medical Center, Sierra Repertory Theater, Sierra Business Council, AFS Intercultural Programs, the Tuolumne County Business Council and Sonora 49er Rotary Club.

Judge Powell Segerstrom plans to participate in the Assigned Judges Program. This will allow her to help our Court maintain its workload while we await the Governor's appointment of two new judges to replace her and retiring Judge Donald I. Segerstrom, Jr.

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