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Hanni Fakhoury Appointed as Contra Costa Superior Court Judge

The Contra Costa Superior Court is pleased to announce that Governor Gavin Newsom has appointed Hanni Fakhoury as Judge of the Superior Court. He will take his oath on May 8, 2026, and will preside in Department 12.

Prior to his appointment, Judge Fakhoury was a partner at Moeel Lah Fakhoury LLP, representing individuals and companies in criminal prosecutions and government and regulatory investigations. He served as a volunteer mediator in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California's Alternative Dispute Resolution program and was a lecturer at the U.C. Berkeley School of Law. Judge Fakhoury served on numerous Court committees for the Northern District of California, including its Standing Committee on Professional Conduct, Criminal Rules and Practice Committee, and Criminal Justice Act Administration Committee. In 2025, he was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Previously, Judge Fakhoury worked as an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Northern District of California Oakland branch office, as a Staff and Senior Staff Attorney at the Electronic Frontier Foundation in San Francisco, and as a Trial Attorney for the Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc. Judge Fakhoury received his law degree from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, and his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

Judge Fakhoury is a Contra Costa County native who grew up in Concord and lives in the County with his wife and two children. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Charles S. Treat.

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