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## **MENDOCINO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 2016 JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

Presiding Judge Elect John Behnke recently announced the judicial assignments for 2016. Judicial assignments are reviewed every two years and new assignments made as appropriate.

Effective January 1, 2016, in an attempt to increase efficiency and to limit unnecessary court appearances, the court will eliminate the use of a criminal master calendar department. Departments A and B will handle their own felony arraignments and operate insofar as possible, as vertical calendar departments. The revised calendar plan is now available on the court's website: [www.mendocino.courts.ca.gov](http://www.mendocino.courts.ca.gov)

Assistant Presiding Judge Elect Ann Moorman will continue to preside over felony cases in Department A. Former Presiding Judge David Nelson will move to Department B to preside over felony matters. Judge Nelson will also serve as a member of the appellate panel. Judge Cindee Mayfield will return to Department C to handle family law matters. Judge Mayfield will also preside over the Appellate Division and Family Dependency Drug Court. Judge Jeanine Nadel will move to Department E to handle unlimited civil matters, probate, and conservatorships. Judge Nadel will also preside over the Adult Drug Court and serve on the courts appellate panel.

Judge David Riemenschneider will move to Department F to preside over juvenile delinquency and dependency matters. Judge Riemenschneider will also serve on the courts appellate panel. Judge Richard J. Henderson will move to Department G which will serve as a dedicated criminal trial department. Judge Henderson will also preside over small claims, unlawful detainer, and walk-in traffic matters. Judge John Behnke will move to Department H which will handle all misdemeanor pre-trial matters. Judge Clay Brennan will continue to preside over civil, criminal, and family law matters in our Ten Mile Court Branch in Fort Bragg.

Judge Behnke also announced that the Executive Committee, which manages the court, will be comprised of Judges Behnke, Moorman, and Nadel.

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