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**MENDOCINO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
2024 REVISED JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

Presiding Judge-Elect Keith Faulder has announced the judicial assignments for 2024. Primary judicial assignments are reviewed every two years. Adjustments and reassignments are made at the discretion of the Presiding Judge, if necessary. Judge Jeanine Nadel will retire on December 31, 2023, and Judge Cindee Mayfield has been appointed to serve on a special assignment to the 1st District Court of Appeal beginning January 8, 2024.

Given these changes in the Mendocino bench, effective January 2, 2024, the judicial assignments will be as follows:

**CRIMINAL:** Departments A and B will manage vertical felony calendars from arraignment through trial and post-conviction hearings. Presiding Judge Keith Faulder and Judge Victoria Shanahan will preside over felony matters in Department A and B. The court will use visiting judges to hear misdemeanors and infractions in Department H from arraignment through trial and post-conviction hearings.

**FAMILY LAW AND COLLABORATIVE JUSTICE COURTS:** Judge Patrick Pekin will preside over family law matters and civil harassment in Department C. He will also preside over Adult Drug Court, Behavioral Health Court and Mental Health Diversion calendars.

**CIVIL AND PROBATE:** Judge Ann Moorman will preside in Department E handling unlimited civil and probate matters, conservatorships, small claims, unlawful detainers and other limited civil matters. She will also preside over criminal settlement conferences.

**JUVENILE:** Assistant Presiding Judge Carly Dolan will be the Presiding Juvenile Judge and will preside over juvenile dependency and delinquency proceedings in Department G.

**TEN MILE COURTHOUSE:** Judge Clay Brennan will continue to preside over criminal, civil, probate and family law matters in the Ten Mile branch courthouse in Fort Bragg.

**APPELLATE:** Judge Dolan will also continue as Presiding Judge of the Court's Appellate Division for limited jurisdiction appeals.

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