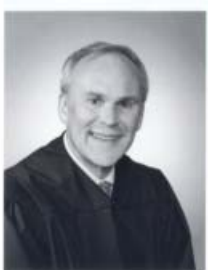


**Hon. Donald J. Currier**  
Faculty Team Coordinator

Judge Donald J. Currier was appointed to the Sacramento Superior Court by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on December 3, 2010. He is the Supervising Judge over traffic, small claims, and unlawful detainer matters at the Carol Miller Justice Center. He was previously employed as Chief Deputy Inspector General, Chief Counsel at the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Chief Counsel at the California Lottery, Deputy Cabinet Secretary at the Office of the Governor, Staff Counsel at the California Department of Veterans Affairs, Director at the Division of Certification for the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, Chief Counsel at the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning, Staff Counsel to Assembly Committee on Public Safety, Deputy District Attorney, and Detective for the Sacramento Police Department. Judge Currier served in the U.S. Army for 36 years attaining the rank of Brigadier General. He retired as the Commander of the California Army National Guard.



**Hon. Peter K. Southworth**

Judge Peter K. Southworth was appointed to the Sacramento Superior Court by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. on December 7, 2018. He currently presides over traffic, small claims, and unlawful detainer matters at the Carol Miller Justice Center. Southworth served as chief deputy legal affairs secretary in the Office of Governor Brown from 2014 to 2018. He served as deputy secretary and general counsel at the California State Transportation Agency from 2013 to 2014. Southworth served in several positions at the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General from 1997 to 2013, including supervising deputy attorney general in the Government Law Section and deputy attorney general in the Land Law Section and in the Government Law Section. He was an associate at Downey, Brand, Seymour and Rohwer from 1993 to 1997 and served as a law clerk for the Honorable Ronald M. Whyte at the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California from 1992 to 1993. He earned a Juris Doctor degree from Columbia Law School and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Haverford College.



### **Commissioner Peter S. Helfer**

Peter S. Helfer began serving as a Referee for the Sacramento Superior Court on July 7, 1997, handling juvenile dependency matters at the B. T. Collins Juvenile Center. He subsequently became a Commissioner in January 2011, and serves at the Carol Miller Justice Center handling traffic, small claims, and unlawful detainer cases. Commissioner Helfer previously practiced law in the areas of juvenile, guardianships, conservatorships, mental health and disability law, probate, elder, non-profit corporations, and appellate law. He served as a pro tem judge in the Juvenile Division hearing and deciding dependency and delinquency trials and hearings. He also served as Director of Advocacy Services at California Regional Centers, Deputy City Attorney for the City of Los Angeles, and Legislative Assistant in the U.S. House of Representatives.



### **Commissioner Kenneth N. Brody**

Kenneth N. Brody began serving as a Commissioner for the Sacramento Superior Court on September 18, 2007. He sits in the domestic violence home court at the Lorenzo Patiño Hall of Justice Main Jail. Commissioner Brody was previously employed as an Assistant Public Defender with the Sacramento County Public Defender's Office, engaged in the private practice of criminal law, appeals, family law, and civil law, was a legal intern at the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office, and an advocate for the Victims of Crime Resource Center.