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PHOEBE MAFFEI SWORN IN AS JUDGE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO SUPERIOR COURT



SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Phoebe Maffei was sworn in on Tuesday, September 22, as a judge of the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco. Judge Braden C. Woods administered the Oath of Office. Her husband and daughters joined her for the ceremony.

San Francisco voters elected Judge Maffei to Seat 16 in the June 2, 2026, primary election. On August 7, Governor Gavin Newsom appointed her to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Gerardo Sandoval, allowing her to take the bench before her elected term begins. Her full six-year term begins January 4, 2027.

"Judge Maffei brings more than 15 years of courtroom experience and a long commitment to public service in San Francisco," Presiding Judge Rochelle C. East said. "The bench welcomes her to the Court."

Judge Maffei is assigned to Traffic Court in Department 218.

"I am honored to serve the people of the City and County of San Francisco as a judge of this Court," Judge Maffei said. "I have spent my career working in these courtrooms, and I know how much it matters that every person who comes before the Court is heard and treated with dignity and respect. I will work every day to apply the law fairly and to earn the public's trust."

Judge Maffei served as an Assistant District Attorney in the San Francisco District Attorney's Office from 2010 until her appointment. She handled a wide range of matters, including financial elder abuse, public corruption, consumer fraud, and public integrity cases, as well as cases involving domestic violence, physical elder abuse, and violent crime. Her experience includes trial litigation, appellate advocacy, criminal investigation, and civil litigation.

Judge Maffei moved to the Bay Area in 1999 to serve with City Year, an AmeriCorps national service program. She earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of San Francisco and a law degree from Santa Clara University School of Law, working as a server and bartender to support herself through law school. She has lived in San Francisco for 25 years.

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