



Hon. Clare Keithley

Butte County Superior Court

Judge Keithley graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with a major in Legal Studies. Thereafter, she received her Juris Doctorate from the University of San Diego School of Law. After law school, Judge Keithley worked in San Diego for the Law Office of Barry and Harris on medical malpractice and product liability cases before working for the District Attorney

Offices of Butte County and Sonoma County.

In 2008, Judge Keithley was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger to the Butte Superior Court where she has since presided over calendars and trials in the divisions of Criminal, Family, Juvenile Delinquency, Juvenile Dependency, and Probate Guardianship. Judge Keithley also presided over the calendars in the Collaborative Court assignment, including domestic violence, veteran's treatment, high intensity driving under the influence enforcement (HIDE), drug court, and mental health.

During her time with the Butte Superior Court, Judge Keithley has been assigned as the Supervising Judge for Criminal, Family, and Collaborative Courts, and served as the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Division, and the Presiding Judge of the Appellate Division. Judge Keithley served as the Assistant Presiding Judge in 2019 and 2022 and served as the Presiding Judge in 2020 and 2021.

Previously, Judge Keithley was a member of the Chief Justice's Work Group on Homelessness, the Judicial Council's Work Group on Pandemic Continuity of Operations, and the Chief Justice's Commission on the Future of California Courts.

Currently, Judge Keithley is a member of the Judicial Council Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness and the Judicial Council Advisory Committee for the Center for Judicial Education and Research.