



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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ANNA Y. PARK APPOINTED AS UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

The United States District Court for the Central District of California announces the appointment of Anna Y. Park as a United States Magistrate Judge. Judge Park, who was sworn in on February 6, 2026, will preside over matters in Los Angeles in the Court's Western Division. Judge Park succeeds former Magistrate Judge Jacqueline Chooljian.

Before her appointment as a magistrate judge, Judge Park was a Regional Attorney for the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC"), where she directed and litigated complex civil cases to enforce federal anti-discrimination employment laws throughout Central and Southern California, Nevada, Hawaii, and the U.S. territories in the Pacific. At the EEOC, Judge Park brought influential cases and was recognized for her groundbreaking work challenging labor trafficking as a civil rights violation under federal anti-discrimination laws. She has also brought individual and class cases on behalf of vulnerable populations spanning a myriad of industries, recovering significant monetary and injunctive relief remedies on behalf of the public. Judge Park was consulted as an EEOC subject matter expert on discrimination issues including human trafficking, intersection of employment and immigration laws, sexual harassment, and other complex employment discrimination issues.

Judge Park served as a mediator on the ADR Mediation Panel for the Central District of California and for the EEOC Hearings Unit in Los Angeles. She was appointed to the EEOC's Performance Review Board in 2024, a high honor for a senior executive in a federal agency. Judge Park serves on the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles County Bar Labor and Employment Section, and she has previously served in various roles on the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference; a Co-Chair for the Central District of California Lawyer Representatives; Los Angeles County Barristers; Japanese American Bar Association; Korean American Bar Association; American Bar Association; Asian Pacific American Bar Association; Federal Bar Association Labor and Employment Section; and Los Angeles County Bar Association.

Earlier in her career, Judge Park was a Senior Managing Associate at Litt & Associates in Los Angeles, where she litigated civil rights cases, including housing discrimination, employment discrimination, and police misconduct cases in federal and state court.

Judge Park obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1989, and her Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1992, where she served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Asian American Pacific Islands Law Journal.

Including the position now occupied by Judge Park, the Central District of California has 24 full-time magistrate judge positions. The Central District of California is comprised of the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo. It serves more than 19.3 million people, nearly half the population of the State of California.

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