



## **HONORABLE LAURA WALTON**

Judge Walton was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2010 as a Los Angeles Superior Court Judge. She currently presides over a long cause, complex felony criminal court.

Judge Walton is a founding member and current President of the Association of African American California Judicial Officers, Inc. (AAACJO), which is a statewide organization of over 100 judicial officers. She is also Co-Chair of the Los Angeles Superior Court Judicial Mentor Program.

Judge Walton is a member of the California Judges Association (CJA) and is a member and former Co-Chair of the CJA Criminal Law and Procedure Committee (2018-2020). In 2020, Judge Walton was appointed to the CJA Task Force on the Elimination of Bias and Injustice Committee and the CJA Diversity and Inclusivity Committee. She is a member of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ), has served on the Los Angeles Superior Court Access to Fairness Committee (2010-2019), the LASC Bar Panel Appointment Committee (2017-2019) and LASC Executive Committee (2018-2020). Since 2016, Judge Walton has been a seminar instructor for Judicial Education Seminars (JES) and California Judicial Education Research.

Prior to her judicial appointment, Judge Walton was a Los Angeles Deputy District Attorney from 1996 to 2010. During her career as a Deputy District Attorney, she was selected for the VIP Unit that prosecutes domestic violence and sexual assault crimes and the Hardcore Gang Unit that prosecutes gang-related murders. She prosecuted over 100 cases, including 30 murder trials. In 2008, she became a Supervisor in the District Attorney's Office.

As a Deputy District Attorney, Judge Walton received numerous commendations from the Los Angeles Police Homicide Bureau, Sheriff's Homicide Bureau, Sheriff's VIP Bureau, and the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office for dedication, commitment and outstanding trial work.

Judge Walton graduated from University of California, Berkeley in 1992, and from University of California, Berkeley Law in 1995.