

Honorable Shelyna V. Brown

Hon. Shelyna V. Brown received her BA from UC Davis and her Juris Doctorate from Santa Clara University School of Law. She was an attorney with the Santa Clara County Office of the Public Defender for nearly 15 years before being appointed to the bench.

Hon. Shelyna V. Brown serves on several boards and has been recognized for her excellence in advocacy and her contributions to the community. In **2009** she received the award for **Trial Attorney of the Year** from the Office of The Public Defender. In **2010** she was honored by the **100 Black Women of Silicon Valley** for her Excellence in Advocacy. In **2011**, she was named by **the Silicon Valley Business Journal** as one of 100 Women of Influence in Silicon Valley. Also in **2011**, she received a **Congressional Commendation** from Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren for her work and commitment to her community. In **2014**, Judge Brown was awarded the **Distinguished Women of Silicon Valley Award by Ivy Rose Community Foundation, Inc.**

She has also served as an adjunct professor in Santa Clara University School of Law.

Judge Brown was appointed by Governor Brown in 2011 and is one of the youngest members to join the **Santa Clara County Superior Court Bench**. Judge Brown previously served as the Supervising Judge in Palo Alto and currently presides over criminal matters in San Jose, CA.