



**Janet Gaard**

***Board Composition: A judge appointed by the Judicial Council of California***

Janet Gaard was appointed to the Yolo County Superior Court in 2008. She presided over criminal, juvenile, civil, and family law cases, and she served as the court's Presiding Judge and Assistant Presiding Judge. For many years, she presided over the court's collaborative courts, and, in 2019, she was awarded the Yolo Outstanding Mental Health Community Service Award from the local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Gaard began her legal career in 1983 as a staff attorney for the Third District Court of Appeal. In 1984 she joined the California Office of the Attorney General, where she remained until her judicial appointment. She served as a Deputy Attorney General in the Criminal Division; Special Assistant Attorney General and Director of Legislative Affairs; and Chief Assistant Attorney General for the Division of Public Rights.