HON. CAROLYN M. CAIETTI



Judge Caietti was appointed to the San Diego Superior Court in August 2006 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. She is currently assigned to the Central Criminal Division. Her first judicial assignment was misdemeanor arraignment court in East County. From January 2008 - 2018, she was assigned to the Juvenile Court hearing both delinquency and dependency matters. From 2013 – 2018, Judge Caietti was the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, Superior Court of California, County of San Diego. Previously she was Assistant Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court from 2011 through 2013. She served for six years on the Family & Juvenile Law Advisory Committee for the Judicial Council. She currently serves on the statewide Power of Democracy and the local San Diego Civic Learning Partnership. She also serves on various San Diego Superior Court Committees.

Judge Caietti has received recognition for her work with youth from the Juvenile Justice Commission and the San Diego County Bar Association as "Outstanding Jurist of the Year." In 2016, Judge Caietti was named the Wilmont Sweeney Juvenile Court Judge of the Year in recognition of her work. She was awarded the honor by the Juvenile Court Judges of California, a section of the California Judges Association. She received the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award from University of San Diego School of Law. She is a CJER instructor to other judges in the area of Juvenile Delinquency.

Judge Caietti frequently presents on juvenile justice issues at local schools and organizations. She is also active in the San Diego Superior Court's "Justice 101" program for youth and parents, as well as "Passport to Life," an Education and Career Exposition for Probation youth and the Civic Learning Partnership.

Judge Caietti graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law in 1986. She received her undergraduate degree, a BBA in Business Economics, from the University of San Diego in 1983. She practiced law from 1986 through 2006 with an emphasis on torts and insurance law until her judicial appointment.