

Brief Biography

Judge Gonzalez Rogers was born in Houston and raised in San Antonio, Texas. She left Texas and matriculated at Princeton University graduating *cum laude* in 1987. She received her J.D. from the University of Texas, Austin in 1991 but completed her final year of classes at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law. Judge Gonzalez Rogers spent her legal career litigating with Cooley LLP in San Francisco as an associate, equity partner, and special counsel in the litigation department specializing in business and real estate litigation. In 2003, she re-focused on raising her three children and volunteering in Alameda County raising funds for a local school district, conducting investigations of local governmental agencies through the Civil Grand Jury, and serving as a pro tem judge.

In 2008, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed her to fill a vacancy as a Superior Court Judge for the State of California in Alameda County. In 2010, she was elected as the first state court judge to the Council of the American Law Institute.

On November 21, 2011, Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers received her commission from President Barack Obama to serve as a Federal District Court Judge for the Northern District of California and took the oath of office on November 28, 2011. She is the first Latina to occupy that role. She currently chairs the Northern District's Committee charged with administering the Criminal Justice Act as it relates to indigent defense and has sat by designation on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

In her capacity as both a state and federal judge, she has presided over thousands of civil and criminal cases and over a hundred trials, including patent and intellectual property.

In addition to her judicial duties, Judge Gonzalez Rogers served on the Board of Trustees for Princeton University from 2014-2018. Currently, she serves a Board member of the Northern District Chapter of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers and on the Advisory Council for the Law Academy based in Oakland, California.