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District Attorney Diana Becton Contra Costa County, CA

District Attorney Diana Becton began her legal career in 1987 as an attorney in private practice. In 1995, she was appointed as a judge to the Superior Court of Contra Costa County by former California Governor Pete Wilson. She was later elected as the court's Presiding Judge and served for 22 years before retiring from the bench. In 2017, she came out of retirement to be appointed District Attorney. She was subsequently re-elected in 2018.

Becton has been a leader on implementing restorative justice programs, declining to charge for minor drug possession, expunging marijuana convictions, and investigating wrongful convictions.

Becton serves on the Advisory Board of the Law Academy at De Anza High School in Richmond, California, and she convenes "Get Your House in Order", a program that assists elders and seniors. She has received numerous awards including the Judith McKelvey Distinguished Service Award, the Judge of the Year Award from Black Women Lawyers of Southern California, the Thurgood Marshall Award from the National Bar Association, the Social Justice Award from the Contra Costa League of Women Voters, and the Trail Blazer Award from the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement (NOBLE). She holds a BA from San Francisco State University, a MTS from the Pacific School of Religion, and a JD from Golden Gate University.

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