

**HON. MICHELLE L. KAZADI**  
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

Michelle L. Kazadi was appointed to the bench of the Los Angeles County Superior Court by Governor Gavin Newsom in July 2021. She is a family law home court judge, sitting in Dept. 84, at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse.

Prior to her appointment, Judge Kazadi served as an Administrative Law Judge with the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board from April 2021 – August 2021. Prior to her ALJ appointment, she practiced law for more than 20 years, with 18 of those years focused almost exclusively in the area of family law. As an attorney, she was designated a Certified Family Law Specialist by the California State Board of Legal Specialization and was also a seasoned mediator, specializing in high conflict family law matters. In addition to her family law litigation and mediation practice, Judge Kazadi was also an adjunct professor at West Los Angeles College, for over 15 years, where she taught courses in law and paralegal studies.

Judge Kazadi has a history of being committed to access to justice and being of service to the community. She served as a Judge Pro Tem with the Temporary Judge Program of the LASC, for five years, where she sat in traffic, small claims and family court. Judge Kazadi also had the privilege and honor to serve as the 46<sup>th</sup> President of Black Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, Inc., for the 2020-2021 board year. In addition to her work with BWL, she has also served on several boards for both professional and community-based non-profit organizations. Judge Kazadi's board memberships have included: California Lawyers Association - Family Law Executive Committee; Los Angeles County Bar Association - Access to Justice Committee; California Women Lawyers – Board Member; Open Paths Counseling Center – Board Member; and Advisory Board member of the Diamond in the Raw Foundation.