

ROHANEZ ZAPANTA

EDUCATION, Licenses/Certifications

University of San Diego School of Law – Juris Doctor, 2002

University of San Diego College of Arts & Sciences – Bachelors of Arts in International Relations, Cum Laude, 1998

California State Bar – Attorney License, 2003

University of San Diego Paralegal Program – Certified Paralegal, 1998

San Diego Restorative Justice Reentry Program – Certified Facilitator, 2016

Mental Health America – Certified Mental Health First Aid Responder, 2015

County of San Diego – Certified Bilingual in Tagalog/Pilipino, 2005

Honorary Doctorate – United States University, 2024

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

Judicial Officer 12/2018 – present, San Diego Superior Court

Mental Health Courts (2024-present): preside over calendars and hearings regarding LPS/Murphy Conservatorship, Involuntary Hospitalization/Medication, Firearm Restrictions, Mental Health Diversion and adult criminal calendar overflow.

Juvenile Justice Division (2022-2024): managed juvenile justice hearings calendar, review and issue juvenile detention orders, preside over pre-trial motions and court trials involving criminal charges filed against youth

Juvenile Dependency Division (2020-2022): managed juvenile dependency hearings calendar, review and issue protective warrants for removal of child at-risk of abuse and neglect, preside over pre-trial motions and court trials involving removal/reunification of abused and neglected children.

Criminal Misdemeanor Calendar Department – Southern Division (2019-2020): managed calendars of misdemeanor arraignments/pre-trial status conferences, conducted review hearings and sentencings, presided over misdemeanor jury trials, felony preliminary hearings overflow, and pre-trial motions.

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS

- *California Judges Association: Ethics & Wellness for Law Students Webinar* Presenter
- *California Judicial Education & Research: “It’s not a Big Deal?” Addressing Marijuana Use in Juvenile Courts*
- *National Association of Women Judges: “The Juvenile Brain & Justice System”*
- Zapanta, Rohanee. “Law School Wellness.” *The Bench – The Official Journal of the California Judges Association, Volume 61, Issue 1, Winter 2021, p.13.*
- Zapanta, Rohanee. “Self-Performance Evaluation” *The Bench – The Official Journal of the California Judges Association, Volume 61, Issue 1, Winter 2021, p.29.*
- Zapanta, Rohanee. “Self-Assessment: Do I Need a Mental Reset?” *The Bench – The Official Journal of the California Judges Association, Volume 61, Issue 2, Spring 2022, p. 26.*
- Zapanta, Rohanee. “Goals for the Judicial Mind” *The Bench – The Official Journal of the California Judges Association, Volume 61, Issue 2, Winter 2023, p. 22.*
- Zapanta, Rohanee. “The Gratitude Attitude” *The Bench – The Official Journal of the California Judges Association, Volume 63, Issue 4, Fall 2023, p. 22.*
- Zapanta, Rohanee. (2024) *Disrupt 5.0 Filipina Women: Leading with Intersectionality – Identity & the Law* <https://on.ffwn.org/DISRUPTseries>

AWARDS/HONORS

- **Filipina Women’s Network** – Most Influential Filipina in the World, Honoree/Global Summit Presenter 2023
- **Silayan Filipina** – Pamana Legacy Award 2023, Honoree/Keynote Speaker
- **San Diego Business Journal** – Women of Influence in Law 2023 (profile publication June 26, 2023)
- **Filipino American Lawyers of San Diego** – Annual Dinner Honoree/Keynote Speaker 2022
- **Asian Pacific Initiative** – Inaugural Gala Honoree/Keynote Speaker 2022
- **University of San Diego School of Law** – Student Service Award Ceremony Keynote Speaker 2022
- **University of San Diego’s Filipino Ugnayan Student Organization Alumni Recognition** – 2021

- **San Diego State University Fil-Am Club High School Outreach Conference** – Honoree/Keynote Speaker 2020
- **University of San Diego School of Law** – First Generation Law Student Summit Keynote Speaker 2019
- **Asian Pacific Initiative Lumpia Club** – Honoree/Keynote Speaker 2019
- **Filipino American Business Improvement Development** – Juris of the Year Award 2019

LEGAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- **California Judges Association** – Law School Ethics & Wellness Committee Co-Founder & Co-Chair
- **California Asian Pacific American Judge’s Association** – Lawyer/Law School Outreach Committee, Mentoring Circle Leader
- **National Association of Women Judges 2024 Conference** – Co-Chair New Attendees/Law Student Committee for Annual Meeting, Outreach Committee (2024)
- **The Bench – The Official Journal of the California Judge’s Association** – Co-Chief Editor
- **University of San Diego Law School Alumni Board** – Committee on Diversity
- **American Board of Trial Advocates** – High School Outreach Speaker/Alumni Liaison
- **Filipino Lawyers of San Diego** – Member/Speaker/Panelist
- **ACLU Constitution Day** - Speaker
- **Lawyer’s Club of San Diego** – Member/Speaker/Panelist
- **Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego** – Member/Speaker/Panelist
- **St. Thomas More Society** – Member/Speaker (2016-2020)
- **Inns of Court Advocacy Workshop** – Judicial Volunteer (2021-2022)
- **San Diego High School Mock Trial Competition** – Judicial Volunteer
- **San Diego Superior Court Judges in the Classroom**

NON-LEGAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- **University of San Diego Alumni Board of Directors** - provide effective means through which alumni can remain involved in the life of the University.
- **Filipina Women’s Network Global Project** – provides workshops and professional mentorship for youth through creating audio/video artistry focusing on Filipino-American core values.
- **Morse High School Saturday School (2019)** – Creator/Instructor; “Healthy Decision-Making” class for at-risk students
- **Project Heart to Heart (1995-Present)** – Presenter/Facilitator; provides workshops for immigrant parents and U.S. born children to assist in bridging the cultural gap and increase lines of communication.
- **Silayan Filipina** – Member/Speaker/Panelist; promotes Filipina cultural core values and heritage throughout San Diego County by offering mentorship, education, and participation in county/state-wide events.