



Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Sunil R. Kulkarni joined the bench in October 2013 and currently is in his court's juvenile justice division. He has had a range of criminal and civil assignments. Judge Kulkarni lectures on ethics, evidence, and civil practice to California judges statewide, and has helped instruct local law students in trial and appellate advocacy. He also is co-chair of his court's judicial mentorship program, which helps a wide range of attorneys apply to the bench.

Judge Kulkarni has been honored as the "Judge of the Year" by the Santa Clara County Bar Association. He also won the Trailblazer Award from the South Asian Bar Association of Northern California, and has been named a "Champion of Diversity" by the Minority Bar Coalition.

Before becoming a judge, Judge Kulkarni worked as a senior litigation counsel for the University of California for 3 years. Before UC, he was a litigation partner (and associate) with the Palo Alto office of Morrison and Foerster LLP for 13 years. Before that, he was a law clerk for the now-retired Honorable Oliver W. Wanger, U.S. District Court (E.D. Cal.). Judge Kulkarni received his law degree from UC Law SF (formerly UC Hastings) in 1996 and his undergraduate degree from UC Berkeley in 1993.