Judge Scott M. Gordon

Kings County Superior Court

Kings County

- **Population:** 149,407 (2016):
- Approx.: 14,000 state prison inmates in Kings County
- County Seat: Hanford







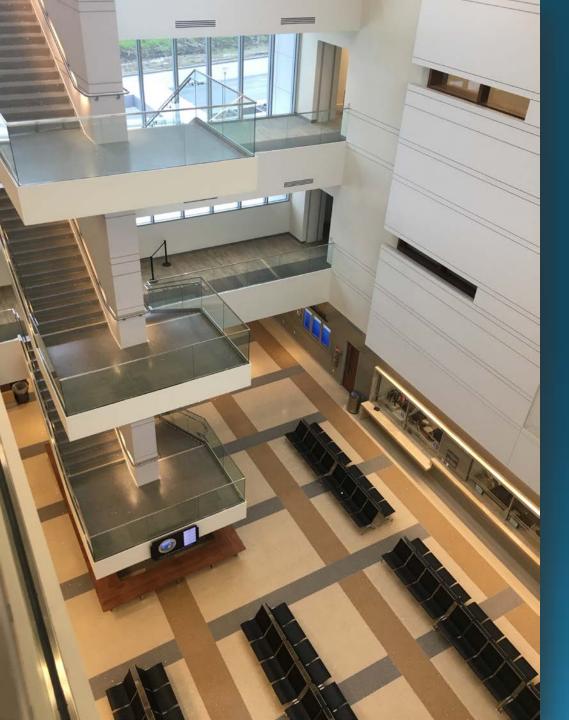




Lemoore Naval Air Station







Kings County Superior Court

Seven (7) Judges 1.6 Commissioners 79 Staff Members

Between FY2008-2014 Kings County experienced a 30% budget reduction. Staff has been reduced from 100 to 79. Due to budget cuts Kings County Superior Court closed the courthouses in Avenal and Corcoran on December 18, 2015. The opening of the new Hanford Courthouse provided 10 courtroomsbringing the number of courtrooms in the county to original levels.

Having all operations in a single new facility has allowed streamlined operations and a greater level of service to the public.

The single new courthouse provides greater security for staff and the public.

The new courthouse has room for expansion.





Habeas Corpus Writ Petitions

Average of 340 Petitions of Writs for Habeas Corpus per year.

Average caseload of 49 petitions per judge.

Counties with 3 or more prisons-petition caseloads (per judge): Kings: 59 Kern: 13.9 Riverside: 9.3 Sacramento: 13.6





Kings Legal Self-Help Center

The Family Law Facilitator/Self Help Center guides and assists with: Divorce, Legal separation, paternity, child custody and visitation orders, child and spousal support orders, Civil Harassment restraining orders, Guardianships, Name changes and some civil actions.



Presiding Judge Steven Barnes



Courtroom in Hanford Courthouse

Clerk's Window and Public Waiting Area

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Please Have Your Case File Or Traffic Citation Number Ready Before Your Number Is Called.

Superior Court of California County of Kings

Derecho a un Intérprete Usted tiene el derecho a que le gnen un intérprete para su causa. Favor de informarle a uno de los empleados para que le ayuden

ployees so they may assist you.



Jury Assembly Room

Kings County is a leader in court technology.

Under the leadership of **Presiding Judge Steven** Barnes, Kings County **Superior Court has gone** to a "paperless" court management system.



Case Management System

Judicial officers use a "virtual desktop" to access files and case documents.

