

Maria A. Audero was appointed as a Magistrate Judge in June 2018. Prior to her appointment, Judge Audero was a Partner in, and served as co-chair of, the Employment Law Department of Paul Hastings LLP in Los Angeles. While there, she specialized in state and federal wage-and-hour nationwide class and collective actions, discrimination and pay equity cases, equal employment opportunity cases, and government contract affirmative action matters.

Prior to her appointment, Judge Audero served as Judge Pro Tem for the Los Angeles Superior Court and was appointed by Governor Edmund G. Brown as Commissioner of the California Fair Political Practices Commission. Judge Audero was co-chair of the American Bar Association's Section of Labor and Employment Law Committee on Federal Labor Standards Legislation – Family and Medical Leave Act and was Editor-in-Chief of the annual Mid-Winter Report. She also sat as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Employment Round Table of Southern California and was a member and advisor of the Executive Committee of the California Bar Association's Labor & Employment Law Section. Since her appointment, Judge Audero has served as faculty at The Sedona Conference's annual meetings and e-discovery negotiation training and spoken on e-discovery panels. In addition, she is a member of the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Litigation Section, an Honorary Director of the Los Angeles Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, and a member of the Board of Governors of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers.

Judge Audero received her B.A. at UCLA, and her J.D. from Southwestern University School of Law, graduating magna cum laude. While there, Judge Audero served as an editor of the Law Review.