

Attacks On S.F. Judges threatens rule of Law

Regarding "Retired judge LaDoris Cordell blasts DA Brooke Jenkins over 'attacks' on S.F. judges" (Politics, SFChronicle.com, March 25): Kudos to retired Judge LaDoris Cordell for her principled resignation from the San Francisco District Attorney's Innocence Commission.

Unfortunately, personal attacks on judges are not limited to S.F. and are part of the national skyscape, as witnessed by the behavior of President Donald Trump and his demands for the impeachment of judges who rule against him.

What is surprising is the lack of leadership, whether it's San Francisco or Congress, in criticizing this dangerous behavior that threatens judicial independence and the rule of law.

The culture of San Francisco regarding criminal cases has become more conservative with the district attorney, police chief and a new mayor. There may be some consensus that the courts have not changed with the times.

Cultural shifts regarding the disposition of criminal cases by the courts are slow. Personal attacks on judges by those in authority will not expedite this process.

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