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#### **EDUCATION:**

- B.A., Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, 1948
- M.A., Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, 1957
- LL.B., Boalt Hall, University of California, Berkeley, 1960

#### **JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE:**

- Magistrate Judge, United States District Court, Central District of California, Los Angeles (January 1971- April 1994)
- Presiding Magistrate (October 1971- January 1987)
- Reappointed (January 1979-1987)
- United States Commissioner, United States District Court, Central District of California (1968-1971)

#### **LEGAL CAREER:**

- Deputy Public Defender, Los Angeles County (1960-1961)
- Private Practice, Civil and Criminal (1962-1968)

#### **ADR EXPERIENCE:**

(1994-Present) Mediator, Arbitrator, Private Judge, Special Master/Discovery Referee

#### **AREAS OF EXPERTISE:**

ERISA claims, state and federal civil rights issues, federal tort claims, fee disputes, wrongful termination, sexual harassment, intellectual property, patent and copyright infringement, insurance coverage, professional malpractice, securities, environmental law, contract, family law, personal injury, toxic torts, and commercial litigation.

#### **HONORS/AWARDS AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES:**

- American Bar Association (1972-1989)
- Federal Bar Association (1972-1989)
- Los Angeles County Bar Association (1973-Present)
- Federal Magistrate Judges' Association (1971-Present)
  - Circuit Director (1975-1976)
  - Secretary (1976-1977 and 1978-1980)
  - Treasurer (1981-1982)

- Elected to Moot Court Board, Boalt School of Law
- Biography - 2nd Edition, Who's Who in American Law, 13th and 14th Editions, Who's Who in California; The World Who's Who of Women, Vol. Six - Commemorative Awards, 1981
- AXIOS Award of Worthiness, 1987
- Dr. George Papanicolaou Award of Excellence, 1989
- Flaschner Judicial Award, American Bar Association, 1993
- Delegate, National Conference of Special Court Judges, August 1978-1979
- Appointed by U.S. Supreme Court Justices Burger and Rhenquist to court administration and the Magistrates' Committee, 1991-1994
- Judge, Moot Court, Southwestern University, 1981
- Judge, Moot Court, Western Regional Finals, 1982
- Judge, Moot Court, Southwestern University, April 1983
- Judge, Moot Court, U.S.C. Law Center, 1989, 1990, 1991

#### **PUBLICATIONS AND RECENT ARTICLES:**

- Consultant, Appeals and Writs in Criminal Cases, Law Practice Series, Continuing Education of the Bar, Berkeley, California, 1982
- Author, Who's Who in American Law, 2nd Edition
- Neutral Cuts Through, February 2005

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND SPEAKING ASSIGNMENTS:**

- Faculty Member, Seminar for Magistrates, Federal Judicial Center, Washington DC Taught case calendaring, control and management workshop, trial techniques and dispute resolution (1971-1993)
- Lecturer, Program for New Bar Admittees, Bridging the Gap (June 1975)
- Lecturer, Federal Practice (February 1981)
- Lecturer, Continuing Education of the Bar, Federal Practice Institute (1979, 1981, 1989, 1991, 1993)
- Lecturer, Bench and Bar Workshop, Wilshire Bar Association (October 1982)
- Lecturer, Criminal Procedure, UCLA (April 1983)
- Lecturer, National Association of Women Judges Conference, Panelist, Federal Practice (1984)
- Lecturer, California Institute for Trial Advocacy Skills, USC Law Center (June 1978)
- Lecturer, Federal Bar Association, Bridging the Gap (1981, 1984)
- Lecturer, Los Angeles County Bar, Barristers Federal Seminar (1982, 1983, 1984)
- Lecturer, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Social Security Section (February 1983)

#### **AVAILABLE:**

Los Angeles County