



Honorable Robert H. London (Ret.)

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Appointed to the Los Angeles County Superior Court in 1972, Judge London served for 11 years and supervised Discovery and Law & Motion courts. He was Supervising Superior Court Judge of the Northwest, North, and North Central Districts, presiding over 21 trial courts. He served on the Second District Court of Appeals, Division One, on special assignment by the Chair of the California Judicial Council. In 1971, Judge London served on the Los Angeles County Municipal Court. He was Presiding Civil Judge in Van Nuys and a Supervising Judge in the Central District. In 1970, he was elected by Superior Court judges to be a Commissioner, where he served until his appointment to the Municipal Court. Before being appointed to the court, he was in the private practice of law as a partner with Shea & Gould in Los Angeles. Judge London frequently teaches and lectures for universities, bar associations and the CEB, and he is the author of numerous published writings. Since his retirement, Judge London has been one of Southern California's sought after neutrals, mediating and arbitrating hundreds of cases per year.

EDUCATION:

- (1958) LL.B., University of Southern California, Los Angeles
- (1995) B.A., Political Science, cum laude, University of California, Los Angeles

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE:

- (1982-1983) Supervised Discovery and Law & Motion courts in Los Angeles
- (1980) California Court of Appeal, by Assignment
- (1976-1983) Supervising Judge of the Northwest, North, and North Central Districts, presiding over 21 trial courts.
- (1973-1982) Judge, Los Angeles County Superior Court
- (1971-1973) Judge, Los Angeles County Municipal Court
- (1970-1971) Commissioner, Los Angeles Superior Court

LEGAL CAREER:

- (1996-1999) Partner at Shea & Gould, specializing in commercial litigation
- (1989-1996) Finley, Kumble, Wagner, Heine, Underberg & Manley
- (1960-1969) Private Law Practice, specializing in litigation, civil and criminal, insurance sub-specialty; First Amendment defense sub-specialty

ADR EXPERIENCE:

- (1990-present) Full-time mediator, arbitrator, private judge, and discovery referee

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Complex civil litigation, business, commercial, personal injury, medical and legal malpractice, construction, real estate, employment, family law, and toxic torts.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS:

- California Judges Association
- American Judicature Society
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Beverly Hills Bar Association
- Santa Monica Bar Association
- San Fernando Valley Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- West Hollywood Bar Association
- Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles
- A.B.O.T.A. (American Board of Trial Advocates)
- UCLA Alumnus Association
- USC Alumnus Association

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- (1974-1979) Mid-Valley College of Law (San Fernando College of Law)
- Part-Time-Instructor – Taught courses in torts, criminal law, evidence, and trial preparation. Conducted private (for hire) bar and “baby bar” preparation classes.

AVAILABLE:

Throughout Southern California