



Hon. Victor B. Kenton, Ret.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

Hon. Victor B. Kenton (Ret.) was appointed a Federal Magistrate Judge for the Central District of California in 2001, which he served for over 14 years. During this time, he presided over numerous trials and mediated over 500 cases, in areas including intellectual property, ERISA, ADA, IDEA, and FAPE (education), civil rights, employment, wage and hour disputes, pharmaceuticals, complex business disputes, class actions, and commercial litigation. He was frequently requested by lawyers and his judicial colleagues to serve as a settlement judge and it is in this capacity, he earned a reputation for being a hardworking and "go-to" Judge for resolving cases. Having tried over 150 bench and jury trials as a trial lawyer before his appointment, he knows firsthand the risk analysis in going to trial and the importance of weighing the legal, emotional, and business implications. Judge Kenton has a passion for helping parties resolve disputes and has a reputation for his ability to engender trust from both attorneys and parties. He prides himself in being thoroughly prepared before the mediation to ensure the parties get the most out of their session. If a case does not settle, Judge Kenton is known for remaining engaged with continuous follow-up efforts. One attorney on a complex business dispute commented, "Judge Kenton's insights, tenacity, and ability to think 'outside the box' are not only most formidable, but the reason our matter resolved. We could not have reached a resolution without him."

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Neutral, Judicate West (2015-Present)
- Federal Magistrate Judge, Central District of California (2001 - 2015)
- Law Office of Victor B. Kenton, practicing Civil and Criminal Litigation, Business, Employment, Personal Injury, Commercial and Real Property (1982 - 1996)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- University of California, Los Angeles, JD (1974)
- University of Connecticut, BA with Honors (1969)
- Author/thought leader: "Ten Tips for Settling Your Case Before a Federal Magistrate Judge." (Daily Journal, 2015)

PRACTICE AREAS

Business/Commercial, Cannabis, Employment, Federal, Insurance, Intellectual Property, Professional Malpractice, Real Estate, Tort

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Planning Committee, USC IP Institute (2020 - Present)
- Authored, "Is the Cal Savers Plan Preempted by ERISA?" FBA Lawyer (December 2020)

INTERESTS

In his spare time he enjoys traveling, swimming, hiking, scuba diving and underwater photography.

LOCATIONS

Los Angeles, Nationwide