



## Hon. Linda S. Marks, Ret.



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After a distinguished career spanning two decades as a judge for the Orange County Superior Court, Judge Linda Marks returns to Judicate West as a full-time neutral. During her judicial tenure, she presided over a wide variety of civil matters ranging from contentious real estate disputes to emotionally charged sexual assault and all types of wrongful death and injury cases. She notably also held a two-year assignment as a Justice Pro Tem for the Fourth District Court of Appeal, Division Three. Her kind and approachable yet firm demeanor, combined with her fairness, legal acumen, and skill in active listening and connecting with people, position her exceptionally well as a mediator, arbitrator, and private judge. Prior to her appointment, she led a civil litigation practice at her own firm Marks & Yocum for 18 years as a trial attorney. She also served as a deputy public defender for the Los Angeles County Office of the Public Defender in the early stages of her career. A respected and long-time member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), she led the Orange County Chapter as president in 2017. Judge Marks takes great pride in establishing the Teachers Law School Program, a collaboration with the Orange County Department of Education. This OC ABOTA program aims to educate teachers about the importance of civics education. In recognition of her commitment to justice and the legal community, Judge Marks has received numerous accolades and honors.

### LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Full-time Neutral, Judicate West (2023-Present)
- Judge, Orange County Superior Court; Served in the Criminal Department (2003-2007), Hybrid Civil Family Law Calendar (2007-2009), and the Civil Department (2009-2023)
- Justice Pro Tem, California Court of Appeals 4th Appellate District Division 3 (2021/2022)

### EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., Southwestern University School of Law (1984)
- B.A., University of California, Los Angeles (1979)
- Pepperdine University School of Law, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Mediating the Litigated Case and Advanced Mediation Training (2024)

### PRACTICE AREAS

Business/Contractual, Employment, Insurance, Personal Injury including Wrongful Death, Sexual Assault, and Medical Negligence, Product Liability, Professional Malpractice, Real Estate

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- Established and chaired the Teachers Law School Program; In conjunction with the Orange County Board of Education, this ABOTA program aims to educate teachers and their students about the importance of the U.S. judicial system and judicial independence

### INTERESTS

Judge Marks is very passionate about her involvement in the Orange County community and dedicates much of her time to serving on the board of various organizations. She is an avid reader, and also enjoys equestrian show jumping, traveling, skiing, and spending time with her family and two dogs.

### LOCATIONS

Orange County, All of California