Hon. William McCurine, Jr., Ret.

JUDICATE WEST Alternative Dispute Resolution

Results Beyond Dispute℠

Judge McCurine was appointed a Federal Magistrate Judge for The Southern District of California in 2004. After more than 10 years of service, he retired from the bench where he handled all types of civil matters, including, but not limited to, class actions (involving wage & hour issues), insurance matters, allegations of fraud and unfair business practices, complex commercial matters, catastrophic injuries, medical malpractice, and patent, copyright and trademark issues. Prior to the bench, he was a civil trial attorney representing plaintiffs and defendants for over 30 years. In both his civil practice and as a jurist, he has mediated thousands of cases. Judge McCurine is known to be a quick study, a great listener, and truly cares about people and believes that mediation can resolve any type of civil dispute; therefore, he works endlessly to get results. One attorney commented that "Judge McCurine's background of representing both sides makes him uniquely situated to serve as a mediator; he can easily see both sides of a case." Another attorney said, "He has a special ability to connect with everyone in the room and can highlight the favorable and, more importantly, the damaging aspects of a case with delicacy."

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Neutral, Judicate West (2014-Present)
- United States Magistrate Judge, Southern District of California (2004-2014)
- Trial Lawyer and Partner, Solomon, Ward, Aguirre & Seidenwurm, General Civil Litigation (2000-2004)
- Trial Lawyer and Partner, Gray, Cary, Ames & Frye, General Civil Litigation (1975-2000)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D. Harvard Law School (1972-1975)
- Doctoral Candidate (Political Science) Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (1971-1972)
- B.A. (Philosophy, Politics, and Economics) Oxford University, Rhodes Scholarship (1969-1971)
- B.A. (Political Science) Dartmouth College (1965-1969)
- Law Week Committee, San Diego County Bar Association, Vice-Chairperson (1979)
- San Diego County Bar Association,Vice-Chairperson, Judiciary Committee (1980)

PRACTICE AREAS

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

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Judge McCurine has been the recipient of many honors including the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association Thurgood Marshall Award (1991) as well as being listed in the “The Best Trial Lawyers in America, 1999-2000” by the independent research firm of Woodward/White, Inc. (1999-2000) and named as one of the best trial lawyers in San Diego in San Diego Magazine (2001)

INTERESTS

Judge McCurine enjoys the theater and cinema, biblical studies and lecturing, loves a wide variety of music and is a confirmed readaholic.

LOCATIONS

San Diego, All of California