



Hon. R. Bruce Minto, Ret.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

Judge Minto retired from the Los Angeles Superior Court in March 2014, after more than 27 years of service. His most recent assignment included presiding over the unlimited jurisdiction civil department in Pomona where he handled almost every case type from the initial filing through trial. Such matters included medical malpractice, personal injury, business/commercial, construction, real estate, insurance and subrogation, professional negligence, and product liability. During his time on the bench, he conducted over 400 jury trials, and countless court trials and heard thousands of law and motion matters of all types. Despite the demands of his busy courtroom, Judge Minto would always make the time to conduct settlement conferences. One attorney commented, "Judge Minto worked very hard to settle our case and I am looking forward to working with him as a private mediator." Prior to his appointment, he was a partner at his own law firm with a focus on real estate, construction, family law, and personal injury. Judge Minto was also an associate at a large firm in Los Angeles, working primarily on insurance, construction, and antitrust cases. His background, having represented both plaintiffs and defendants, in addition to his judicial experience, allows him to easily identify the strengths and weaknesses in almost any dispute. His valuable perspective is instrumental when helping the parties overcome the roadblocks to settlement. He is best known for his strong work ethic, and infectious personality and is a true gentleman. He noted, "In over 27 years as a trial court judge, I saw so many cases go to trial that could have and should have been resolved. In many of those cases, the parties were disappointed, even shocked, with the results. I'm excited to now be able to help parties and their counsel avoid the risks, expenses, and delays of going to trial. My goal in each case is to bring closure to all sides."

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Neutral, Judicate West (2014-Present)
- Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge (2000-2014)
- Los Angeles Municipal Court, Citrus (1986-2000)
- Partner, Mattier Annigian & Minto (1979-1986)
- Associate, Adams Duque & Hazeltine (1977-1979)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., UCLA Law School (1977)
- B.A., University of California, Irvine (1974)
- Pepperdine University School of Law, Straus Institute, Mediating the Litigated Case (January 2014)
- California Judges Association, Member (1987-2014)
- ABTL, Los Angeles Chapter, Member
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Member

PRACTICE AREAS

Business/Commercial; Construction; Employment; Entertainment; Medical Malpractice; Personal Injury; Product Liability; Professional Negligence; Real Estate

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Trial Judge of the Year Award, Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles (2010).
- Speaking engagements include: Annual Seminar and Roundtable for the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel (ASCDC), CLE functions for CAALA and CAOIE, including both of their annual seminars.

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Judge Minto hobbies include jogging, boating, camping, construction and remodeling as well as spending time with his kids and grandchildren.

LOCATIONS

Los Angeles, All of California