



Hon. Cesar Sarmiento, Ret.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

Judge Sarmiento is a distinguished former Settlement Judge of the Los Angeles County Superior Court. During his 26-year tenure, he led hundreds of successful settlement conferences in cases across a broad span of practice areas such as general business commercial disputes, employment, malpractice, and personal injury. While on the bench, Judge Sarmiento implemented the first Santa Monica Court personal injury Civil Referee Assisted Settlement Hearing (CRASH) program where he personally participated in 10+ personal injury-related settlement conferences per week. As a mediator, Judge Sarmiento is noted for his dogged determination and follow-up when a case does not settle on the day of mediation. He prides himself on being extremely diligent in his preparation for every matter he handles. He is also well known for his organization and skills in handling complex and high-stakes matters, for his thoughtful even handed approach and uncanny ability to break impasse with even the most staunchly opposing viewpoints. Many attorneys regard him as "professional, thoughtful, and decisive."

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Neutral, Judicate West (2016-Present)
- Mediator, Arbitrator (2014-Present)
- Settlement Judge, Los Angeles County Superior Court
- Organized and managed the first Santa Monica court personal injury Civil Referee Assisted
- Settlement Hearing (CRASH) program
- Judge, Los Angeles County Superior Court (1993-2014)
- Judge, Los Angeles County Municipal Court (1988-1993)
- Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles County (1982-1988)
- Deputy Public Defender, Los Angeles County (1981-1982)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., UC Davis School of Law
- B.A., California State University, Northridge
- Distinguished Jurist Award, Philippine American Bar Association (2015)
- Santa Monica Bar Association, Member (2015-Present)

PRACTICE AREAS

Business/Commercial; Construction Defects; Employment ; Entertainment; Family Law; Malpractice; Personal Injury; Probate; Real Estate; Sports

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Judge Sarmiento is an avid surfer and in his spare time plays the guitar in a jazz band.

LOCATIONS

Los Angeles, All of California