



Hon. Chris R. Conway, Ret.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

Judge Conway retired from the LA Superior Court's Norwalk Courthouse where he handled Law & Motion, Civil Trials, Probate, and Trust Litigation cases and successfully conducted hundreds of MSCs. In addition, he called and supervised the Probate Calendar for many years in the Southeast District of the LA Superior Court and tried a large number of contested Probate and Trust litigation cases involving almost every kind of issue found in such cases. He was the Supervising Judge for the Southeast District of the LA Superior Court on two different occasions, each time serving two to three-year terms. Judge Conway also served as a member of the Court's Executive, Personnel and Budget Committees. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Conway practiced law for 20 years, during which time he represented plaintiffs and insurance carriers in tort matters, litigated real property and business/contractual cases, and specialized in handling all types of probate and trust matters. Attorneys who have appeared before Judge Conway comment that he has an insightful approach, courteous demeanor, and wealth of experience. They agree that those qualities, combined with his excellent listening skills, will be instrumental in his successful transition to resolving cases in the private sector. Judge Conway works in the fields of mediation, arbitration and Court appointed Discovery Referee cases. One attorney commented "I wouldn't have bet even \$1 that the case would settle. Frankly, I thought he was a miracle worker." After working with Judge Conway in a mediation case where the liability and damages were in dispute, another attorney commented "He is a real straight shooter, he is concise and focused, yet has a warm and engaging personality. I felt comfortable right away sharing the weaknesses of my case, which ultimately led to a settlement."

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Neutral, Judicate West (2007-Present)
- Judge, Superior Court, State of California, County of Los Angeles (1987 -2007)
- Judge, Long Beach Municipal Court (1986 - 1987)
- Sat by assignment on the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District (Division 4) (August through November, 1993)
- Supervising Judge, Southeast District of the Los Angeles Superior Court (1993-1995 and 2002-2003)
- Former Member, Executive and Personnel and Budget Committee, Los Angeles Superior Court.
- Partner, Vandenberg, Nott, Conway & Newell (formerly, Winston & Winston), areas of practice included general civil litigation, estate planning, probate and trust litigation, estate tax work and business contracts (1967-1986)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D. University of Southern California, Los Angeles (1966), member of Law Review
- B.A., Political Science Occidental College, Los Angeles (1963)
- Pepperdine University, School of Law - Straus Institute of Dispute Resolution, Mediation Training (2005)
- California Judges Association, Member (Former Member, Ethics Committee)
- Joseph Ball/Clarence Hunt Inns of Court, Member (Former Member, Executive Committee)
- Long Beach Bar Association Scholarship Committee, Member
- Taught probate and trust litigation practices at the California Judicial College to judges who were new to such an assignment.

PRACTICE AREAS

Business Contracts; Medical/Professional Malpractice; Personal Injury; Probate; Real Property Matters

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Judge Conway has been awarded "Judge of the Year" three times over the course of his career by organizations such as the Whittier Bar Association (2002) and the Southeast Bar Association (2003 & 1990).
- He was also awarded "Outstanding Member" by the Long Beach Exchange Club and a Certificate of Appreciation from the Long Beach Heart Association.

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

In his free time, Judge Conway enjoys golf, traveling, working in his garden and going to USC football games.

LOCATIONS

Los Angeles, All of California