



Hon. John G. Evans, Ret.



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Following 15 years of distinguished service to the Superior Court of Riverside County, Judge Evans is taking his knowledge and experience to the private sector as a full-time neutral. During his judicial tenure, he primarily served in the Civil and Criminal Departments, presiding over hundreds of jury trials. Judge Evans spent the last six years of his judicial assignment as a probate judge, overseeing trials involving guardianships, conservatorships, trusts, and estates. Prior to the bench, he enjoyed a successful 29-year career as a civil trial lawyer. His legal acumen was evident as he tried nearly 50 civil cases to verdict or judgment. Judge Evans is passionate about serving the legal community. For more than a decade, he has taught Torts as an Adjunct Professor at California Desert Trial Academy. As Judge Pro Tem for the Riverside Superior Court, he handled mandatory settlement conferences and volunteered with many local mediation programs. He is also a past president of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) San Bernardino/Riverside Chapter and the Desert Bar Association. Judge Evan’s professionalism, dedication, and temperament earned him the Civility Award from ABOTA’s San Bernardino/Riverside Chapter.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Full-time Neutral, Judicate West (2023-Present)
- Judge, Superior Court of Riverside County (2008-2023); Primarily served in the Civil and Criminal Departments and served most recently for six years in Probate
- Sole Practitioner, Law Offices of John G. Evans; Specialized in Civil Litigation Trials (1996-2008)
- Junior Partner, MacLachlan, Burford & Arias; Specialized in Civil Litigation Trials (1986-1996)
- Associate, Furness, Flory & Middlebrook; Specialized in Civil Litigation (1981-1986)
- Associate, Harding & Miller; Specialized in Civil Litigation (1979-1981)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., California Southern Law School (Citrus Belt Law School) (1975-1979)
- B.S., University of California, Riverside (1971-1975)
- Judge Pro Tem, Riverside Superior Court; Handled Mandatory Settlement Conferences
- Adjunct Professor, California Desert Trial Academy (2012-Present); Teaching Torts
- ABOTA, President of San Bernardino/Riverside Chapter (2005/2006); President-Elect (2004); Treasurer/Secretary (2003); Member (1998-Present)
- Desert Bar Association, President (1998-1999)

PRACTICE AREAS

Business/Commercial, Construction, Employment, Insurance, Probate, Tort

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Civility Award, ABOTA’s San Bernardino/Riverside Chapter (2003)

INTERESTS

In his free time, Judge Evans enjoys surfing and spending time with his family, especially with his eight grandchildren. He is also a skilled sports announcer and was the football announcer for Notre Dame High School from 1977-2001 and for Palm Desert High School from 2003-2011.

LOCATIONS

Orange County, Southern California