



Hon. Mark V. Mooney, Ret.



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During Judge Mooney's 27 years on the Los Angeles Courts, he has earned a reputation for his pleasant judicial temperament and fair and respectful treatment of counsel. Having been a civil trial lawyer, specializing in medical negligence, product liability, insurance, and federal torts, he appreciates applying the law and zealous advocacy. He sat in several departments for the Superior Court with most of his time serving in an independent calendar department. He presided over discovery proceedings and civil trials and conducted many settlement conferences in employment, civil rights, construction defect, product liability, professional malpractice, lemon law, mass tort, real estate, and personal injury cases. As a trial lawyer and judge, he has been involved in several bar groups such as Los Angeles County Bar Association, ABTL, and ABOTA, served on panels, and authored articles. One attorney said, "I always enjoyed trying cases in Judge Mooney's court. He is a trial lawyers' judge. He understands the law, is extremely prepared and quick-witted, and allows counsel to try their cases. He is going to make an excellent private judge."

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Full-time Neutral, Judicate West (2023-Present)
- Judge, Los Angeles County Superior Court (1998-2022)
- Judge, Los Angeles Municipal Court (1995-1998)
- Assistant U.S Attorney, U.S Attorney's Office - Central District of California; Specializing in Federal Tort Claims (1991-1995)
- Associate Attorney, Lafollette, Johnson, DeHaas, Fesler & Ames; Specializing in Medical Malpractice, Products Liability and Public Entity Defense (1988-1991)
- Associate Attorney, Torres & Brenner; Specializing in Medical Malpractice and Public Entity Defense (1987)
- Associate Attorney, Hillsinger & Costanzo, PC; Specializing in Medical Malpractice, Products Liability and Public Entity Defense (1982-1987)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., Southern Methodist University School of Law (1981)
- B.A., University of Southern California (1978)
- Mediating the Litigated Case, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University (2022)

PRACTICE AREAS

Employment Law; Lemon Law; Medical Negligence; Personal Injury; Products Liability; Professional Malpractice

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Judge of the Year Award, American Board of Trial Advocates, (ABOTA) Los Angeles Chapter (2019)
- Trial Judge of the Year Award, Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles (CAALA) (2010)

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Judge Mooney loves music and plays multiple instruments including the banjo, mandolin, guitar, and ukulele. He also enjoys outdoor sports such as bicycling and skiing, and recently completed a solo bike ride across the United States.

LOCATIONS

Los Angeles, All of California