



Hon. Patricia Schnegg, Ret.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

After 15 years of distinguished service for the Los Angeles Superior Court, Judge Schnegg retired in 2014 and is available to serve as a mediator, arbitrator, and private judge. During her last 2 1/2 years on the bench, she sat in a dedicated settlement department in Santa Monica where she mediated over 2,000 cases involving almost every type of civil dispute. During this time, she also mediated in the Court's CRASH Personal Injury, Business, and Employment Programs. Prior to becoming a judge, she represented plaintiffs and defendants for over 23 years in a general civil litigation firm. While in practice she was involved with many bar associations and was President of the Los Angeles County Bar Association and the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (WLALA). As a judge, she remained active in these bar groups and more while serving on many court committees. Judge Schnegg is praised for her dedication to settling cases. She is known for her unwavering work ethic, often suggesting to the parties to come back for another session of mediation on her personal time whether it is at night or over the weekend. One attorney said, "I have settled several cases with Judge Schnegg and each time she has been very enjoyable to work with, sharp with the legal issues, and reasonable and warm with me and my clients."

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Neutral, Judicate West (2015-Present)
- Judge, Los Angeles County Superior Court (2000-15)
- Settlement Judge, Santa Monica Superior Court (2013-15)
- CRASH Personal Injury, Business & Employment Settlement Program (2013-14)
- CRASH Business Settlement Program (2014)
- CRASH Employment Settlement Program (2014)
- Supervising Judge of the Northwest District & Criminal Division (2008-12)
- Chair of the Grand Jury Committee (2011-13)
- Chair of the Criminal Court & Court Services Committee (2011-13)
- Member of the Operations & Personnel & Budget Committee (2011-13)
- Member Court Contraction Committee/Criminal Court Contraction Plan (2011-12)
- Member of the Judicial Council Crim. Advisory Committee (2011-13)
- Member of the Executive Committee (2008-13)
- Chair of the Trial Jurors Committee (2006-11)
- Presided over Teen Court at Venice High School (2005-15)
- Member, California Judge's Assn. Board of Directors (2009-11)
- Knapp, Marsh, Jones & Doran (1977-00)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., Loyola University of Los Angeles: St. Thomas More Honor Society, Dean's List All Semesters, Treasurer of the Student Bar Association (1977)
- B.A., Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles: Summa Cum Laude, President, Student Body Judicial Council, Member, Gryphon's Circle Campus Service Organization, Recipient, University President's Citation at Graduation, Member, Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Society (1974)
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Former President (1999)
- Board of Directors, Public Counsel, Member (1996-00)
- Board of Airport Commissioners, Vice President (1993-00)
- Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles & Women Lawyers Public Action Grant Committee, Former President
- Women Lawyers Public Action Grant Committee, Former President
- Los Angeles Superior Court (LASC) Ad Hoc Committee on Informal Compliant Policy, Member
- California Women Lawyers, Board of Governors (1990-91)
- National Conference of Women's Bar Associations, Board of Directors (1987-90)

- Standing Committee on Legal Assistants, American Bar Association, Member (1985-88)
- Membership Committee, Business Trial Lawyers Association (1992-93)
- National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA) Southern California Deposition Program, Los Angeles, Faculty Member
- Loyola Marymount University, Alumni Board of Directors & Member, Board of Regents (1996-11)
- Ramona Convent, Member Board of Trustees (1994-08)
- Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law, Board of Directors (1994-95)
- Downtown Women's Center, Board of Directors (1993-96)
- Ramona Convent Alumnae of the Year & Alumnae Association, Director (1980-82)
- Judge's Guide to Difficult Attorneys, Center for Judiciary Education and Research (CJER), Lecturer
- Bail & Arraignments, Judicial College, Lecturer
- Jury Issues, Los Angeles Superior Court (LASC), Lecturer

PRACTICE AREAS

Business Contractual; Employment; Homeowners Association; Personal Injury; Probate; Wrongful Death

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Judge Schnegg was acknowledged as the Judge of the Year by the Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) Criminal Justice Section in 2012
- Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA), Criminal Justice Section, Judge of The Year (2012)
- The Mexican American Bar Association (MABA) awarded her Judge of the Year Benjamin Aranda III Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011
- Loyola Law School Alumnae Association, Advancement of Women Award (2002)
- Loyola Law School Distinguished Alumnae of the Year Award in (2001)
- Recipient of the American Board of Trial Advocates Award (1977)

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Judge Schnegg is an Aviation aficionado. She has logged over 700 navigator hours in Cessna 172 RG and P210 model planes. While serving as Vice President of the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) she oversaw the revamping of airport concessions and renovation of airport facilities, supervised litigation (Airlines vs. LAWA) over the increase landing fees and oversaw the construction of the new Ontario Airport. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Dr. William Oppenheim and her daughter Jennifer.

LOCATIONS

Los Angeles, Southern California