



Hon. Robert J. Polis, Ret.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

Since his retirement from the Orange County Superior Court in May of 1999, following 23 years on the bench, Judge Polis has become one of the most requested Private Judges in Southern California. Known for his humanistic approach to justice, he is now handling a busy calendar balanced with mediations, arbitrations, and private judging assignments, while maintaining his calm, gentle, courteous, and gracious attitude toward the people he meets on each case. Attorneys who appear before him, from the neighborhood sole practitioner to the senior partners of the most prestigious firms, all compliment him for his "scholarly" but gentle "manner," his knowledge of the law in such a wide variety of practice areas, innovative skills and commitment to fairness. Comments include, "His decisions are clear and concise and very detailed," and "He is one of the all-time best, fair, even-tempered, hardworking and thorough neutrals." Another client commented "...any case, any time, any client, is when I recommend this Judge."

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Neutral, Judicate West (2003-Present)
- Judge, Superior Court Orange County (1983-99)
- Judge, Municipal Court, Orange County Harbor Judicial District (1979-82)
- Presiding Judge (1982), Asst. Presiding Judge, (1981), Traffic Commissioner (1975-79)
- Private Solo Practitioner, Orange County (1971-1975)
- Deputy Attorney General, California State Dept. of Justice (1969-71)
- Research Attorney, LA Superior Court, Appellate Dept. (1967-69)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D. University of Southern California Law Center (1966)
- B.A. University of Southern California (1963)
- Graduate, California Judicial College CJER (1976)
- California Judges Association, Member (1979-present)
- New Judges Education Planning Committee, CJER, Member (1990)
- CJER Continuing Judicial Studies Program Planning, Member (1983-88), Chair (1986-87)
- Faculty, CJER New Judges Orientation Program (1981-92) Civil Law & Motion, Evidence and Trials
- Member, CJA Ethics Committee (1982-85); Chair (1985)
- CJER Continuing Judicial Studies Program, Faculty (1981-93), Skills Training (1992)

PRACTICE AREAS

Arbitration of 2860 Cumis Fees; Business/Commercial; Construction Defect/Mold-Related Matters; Discovery Referee; Employment including Wage/Hour; Insurance Litigation/Bad Faith; Medical Negligence; Personal Injury; Real Estate

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Recipient, "George Francis Civility Award" American Board of Trial Advocates, 1997
- Recipient, "Jerrold Oliver Award for Judicial Integrity, Compassion and Courage," OCTLA, 1997

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Travel, bicycle riding and touring, digital photography and cooking. An aviation enthusiast, he was a former pilot and owned a plane.

LOCATIONS

Orange County, All of California