



Hon. Rosemary T. McGuire, Ret.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

Judge McGuire joined Judicate West following over a decade of distinguished service on the Fresno County Superior Court. During her time on the bench, she spent five years in the Family Law Division and seven years in the Civil Division, overseeing hundreds of cases and presiding over numerous trials, as well as conducting settlement conferences on a regular basis. She also served on the Appellate Panel and the Court Executive Committee. Prior to her appointment, she was a partner at a law firm, handling complex civil rights and tort litigation in state and federal court. Devoted to the legal community, Judge McGuire has contributed her time to multiple organizations in leadership positions. Notably, she is a past president of both the San Joaquin Valley Chapter's Federal Bar Association and ABOTA and currently serves as a National Representative for ABOTA. She describes her approach to private dispute resolution, stating: "I consider myself to be friendly, positive, and a good communicator. With the knowledge and experience I acquired as a trial lawyer and judicial officer, I can help litigants resolve their disputes and reach a satisfactory resolution without the stress and expense of lengthy litigation and unpredictable results."

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Full-time Neutral, Judicate West (2023-Present)
- Judge, Fresno County Superior Court (2010-2023); Limited Civil Division (2010-2012); Family Law Division (2012-2017); Unlimited Civil Division (2017-2023); Appellate Panel (2011-2019)
- Pro Tem, Fresno County Superior Court (2001-2006); Juvenile Delinquency
- Partner, Weakley, Arendt & McGuire (2001-2010), Handled complex civil rights and tort litigation in state and federal court involving public, business, and religious entities; Associate with the firm (1994-2001)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., San Joaquin College of Law (1990-1994)
- California State University, Fresno (1970-1973)
- Judicial Council, Settling Civil Cases
- California Judicial Education and Research (CJER), Initiating Remote Settlement Conferences
- ABOTA – San Joaquin Valley Chapter, National Board Representative (Present); Co-chair Judicial Independence Committee (2018-2022); President (2014); Member (2006-Present)
- Fresno County Law Library, Board of Trustees (2011-2022); President (2019-2021)
- Federal Bar Association – San Joaquin Valley Chapter, President (2008-2009)
- California Judges Association, Member
- Fresno County Bar Association, Member
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers (ABTL), Member

PRACTICE AREAS

Business Litigation including Lemon Law; Civil Rights/Governmental; Construction Defect; Employment; Family Law; Insurance; Medical Malpractice; Personal Injury Including Wrongful Death/Sexual Assault; Probate; Real Estate

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Civility Award, ABOTA - San Joaquin Valley Chapter (2023)
- Co-presenter at ABOTA Foundation Webinar Series-Civility Matters (2023)
- Co-presenter at Civil Advocacy Institute-Motion to Compel Standards, Meet & Confer Requirements, Special Master (2022)
- Multiple Civility Matters Programs sponsored by San Joaquin Valley Chapter ABOTA (2019-2022)
- Co-presiding Judge at ABOTA Masters in Trial Program (2017)
- Co-presenter at National Business Institute (Family Law Judge Insights: Custody, Support, Asset Division and More (2017)

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

- NBI Family Court Judicial Forum (2015); Civil Court Judicial Forums (2011 & 2012)

Judge McGuire and her husband are avid travelers and love to experience different cultures, food, and local sights. She is from a large family and enjoys spending time with her children, grandchildren, sisters, and their families. She also loves to read and cook as well as play golf and pickleball.

LOCATIONS

Orange County, All of California