



Hon. Thomas P. Nugent, Ret.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

Judge Nugent has served the San Diego legal community for decades as both an attorney and a judge. Following a 35-year career in private practice as a civil litigator, he was appointed to the San Diego County Superior Court by Gov. Pete Wilson in 1998. He was assigned to an Independent Calendar Department for 15 years. The practice included trials and appeals in State and Federal Courts as well as appearances before administrative agencies including the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Board of Medical Quality Assurance, the Department of Alcohol And Beverage Control, and the New Mexico State Racing Commission. The combination of these experiences required an understanding of a variety of complex business matters and issues related to insurance, real estate, contracts, professional liability, employment law, personal injury, and product liability, and involved proceedings requiring the interpretation and application of environmental laws. Judge Nugent retired from the bench in 2015, having presided over all types of civil law matters. In his final two years, he assumed responsibility for a department engaged exclusively in conducting settlement conferences. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he was the founding partner of one of San Diego's oldest and most prestigious law firms. While in private practice he served as a Court appointed arbitrator. One client said, "To say that Judge Nugent took the bull by the horns would be a gross understatement. His ability to work with the clients directly, and either reduce or eliminate emotions, completed a Herculean task. I would highly recommend Judge Nugent for not only regular disputes but especially for those which seem to be beyond settlement." Judge Nugent proudly served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps.

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Neutral, Judicate West (2017-Present)
- Private Mediator/Arbitrator, (2015-2016)
- Judge, Superior Court, San Diego, Settlement Court (2013-2015)
- Independent Calendar Judge, Superior Court, Vista (1998-2013)
- Partner/Shareholder, Haskins, Nugent, et al. (1963-1998)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., University of Pennsylvania (1962)
- B. A., University of Pennsylvania (1959)
- U.S. Marine Corps (1954-1956)
- AAA Arbitrator Ethics & Disclosure (ACE003), (2016)
- AAA Arbitration Fundamentals and Best Practices (2015)
- AAA Arbitration Awards – Safeguarding, Deciding and Writing Awards (ACE001), (2015)
- Court sponsored Mediation Training Program, Pepperdine School of Law Strauss Institute for Dispute Resolution

PRACTICE AREAS

Business/Contractual; Environmental; Insurance Coverage/Bad Faith; Personal Injury/Wrongful Death; Professional Malpractice; Real Property

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Chair, Civil Law program for the Continuing Education of the Bar
- Faculty Member, San Diego Inn of Court
- Panel Member, Medical Malpractices Seminars
- Lecturer, Continuing Education of Bar, Pretrial Motion and Writs
- AV/Preeminent rating with Martindale Hubbell (1978)

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

In his spare time, Judge Nugent enjoys reading, exercising, and spectating all sports.

LOCATIONS

San Diego, All of California

