



Hon. Timothy M. Casserly, Ret.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

With a combined 25 years of experience on the bench, Judge Casserly has presided over hundreds of civil trials and managed more than 1,000 matters. Appointed to the San Diego County bench in 1996, he oversaw criminal jury trials before becoming a criminal supervising judge, assigning cases for trial and settling hundreds of matters each month. In 2004, Judge Casserly was reassigned to the San Diego Superior Court Trial Department, handling civil trials and conducting weekly civil settlement conferences. From 2010 until his retirement, he served on the Civil Independent Calendar Department, managing a high caseload, and conducting over 300 judicial settlement conferences nationwide. During his time on the bench, Judge Casserly served on the Center for Judicial Education and Research's New Judge Orientation Faculty, helping new judges adjust to their roles and responsibilities. Prior to the bench, Judge Casserly also spent a combined 15 years as a deputy district attorney for Sacramento and San Diego counties. Recognized by his peers for his dedication to the legal community and the hundreds of successful settlement conferences he conducted while on the bench, Judge Casserly received the 'Judge Moon Award' from the North County Bar Association in 2021. Judge Casserly says, "During my time on the bench the job I enjoyed the most was conducting settlement conferences. I really became passionate about it. I'm looking forward to continuing to help people settle their cases in the private sector."

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Full-time Neutral, Judicate West (2021-Present)
- Judge, San Diego Superior Court (1996 -June 2021); North County Civil Independent Calendar Department (2010-2021); North County Trial Department (2004-2010); North County Criminal Presiding Department (2000-2004); North County Criminal Trial Department (1998-2000); North County Municipal Court Criminal Trial Department (1996-1998)
- Deputy District Attorney, San Diego County (1986-1996)
- Deputy District Attorney, Sacramento County (1981-1986)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., University of Southern California School of Law (1981)
- B.A., California State University, Los Angeles (1978)
- Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine Law, "Mediating the Litigated Case"
- Todd Inn of Court, Member (2018-Present)
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers, Member (ABTL) (2015-Present)
- Lopardo Inn of Court, Member (2012 – Present)

PRACTICE AREAS

All types of Personal Injury including Wrongful Death; Business/Contractual; Employment; Insurance Coverage/Bad Faith; Medical Negligence; Probate; Real Property

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- North County Bar Association's Judge Moon Award (2021)

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Judge Casserly enjoys playing tennis, golf, and horseback riding.

LOCATIONS

San Diego, All of California