



HON. KEITH M. CLEMENS
Commissioner, Los Angeles Superior Court
(Retired)

EDUCATION

J.D., University of California, Los Angeles, 1973

- Order of the Coif
- Associate Editor, UCLA Law Review
- Criminal Courts Bar Association Award
- Vice President, Student Bar Association
- Co-founder, UCLA Corrections Law Program

Graduate School, Economics, University of California, Berkeley and Harvard University

B.A., Economics, University of California, Berkeley, 1964

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

Private Judge for Private Dispute Resolution (November 1996 to present)

- Adjudication, Mediation, Reference Proceedings, Case Management, Settlement Conferences, Special Master/Family Facilitator, Arbitration, Judge Pro Tempore.

Commissioner, Los Angeles Superior Court (July 1991 to November 1996)

- Presided over family law direct calendar courts, Department 9, Central District (County Courthouse), 1993-1996
- Department J, North Valley District (San Fernando), 1991-1992
- Family law trials, mandatory settlement conferences, OSC hearings, law and motion hearings, ex parte matters, domestic violence cases, mandatory settlement conferences, voluntary settlement conferences.
- Four-month temporary assignment to criminal calendar department, North Valley District, 1992. Felony jury trials, criminal law calendar.

Partner, Center for Enforcement of Family Support, Los Angeles, 1985-1991.

- Family law, emphasizing enforcement of child and spousal support order.

In-house Counsel, Atlantic Richfield Company, 1979-1984

Private Practice, 1973-1979, Los Angeles. Primarily business law and civil litigation.

SPECIAL COURT ASSIGNMENTS

- Member, Los Angeles Superior Court Family Law Committee, 1992-1996.
- Member, Los Angeles Superior Court Domestic Violence Task Force, 1994-1996.
- Member, Los Angeles Superior Court Technology Committee, 1995-1996.
- Member, Judicial Council Family Court Services Grants Advisory Committee, 1995.
- Chair, Committee on Revision of Family Law Court Stipulation Forms, 1994.

PUBLICATION

“Family Law Update,” (co-authored with Commissioners James D. Endman and Robert A. Schnider), annual summary of new California family law cases, related cases, and new and revised California statutes applicable to family law. 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997.

“Family Law Support Enforcement Get Even Tougher in 1995: Wage Assignments, Wage Garnishments, Executions, Lien, Big Penalties, Loss of Business Licenses, Seize and Sell and Other Methods for Collecting Child and Spousal Support,” (co-authored with Marshall Rieger, Deputy District Attorney), 1995 Family Law Reference Book (LACBA Family Law Symposium), May 1995.

“Family Law Support Enforcement Gets Even Tougher in 1992: Wage Assignments, Wage Garnishments, Executions, Lien, Big Penalties, Loss of Business Licenses, and Other Methods for Collecting Child and Spousal Support,” 1992 Family Law Reference Book (LACBA Family Law Symposium), May 1992.

“Enforcement of Support Orders Against self-employed Obligor,” (co-authored with Dennis A. Cohen), Encyclopedia of Matrimonial Practice, Prentice Hall Law & Business, 1991, Ronald L. Brown, Editor, pp. 1073-1081.

“Family Law Meets Collection Law: Wage Assignments, Wage Garnishments, Executions, Liens and Other Methods for Collecting Child and Spousal Support,” 1991 Family Law Reference Book (LACBA Family Law Symposium), May 1991.

“Enforcing Child and Spousal Support Orders and Judgments Other Than Through Contempt,” 1990 Family Law Reference Book (LACBA Family Law Symposium), May 1990.

INSTRUCTOR/PANELIST/SPEAKER

For Continuing Legal Education Programs:

Panelist, Beverly Hills Bar Association, Family Law Section, "Family Law Update." The annual "Three Commissioners" program with Commissioners James D. Endman and Robert A. Schnider. 1992-1997.

Panelist and moderator, California Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB), "1995 CEB Recent Developments in Family Law." January 18, 1997.

Moderator of workshop, Fourth Annual Family Law Institute, "Maximizing Support Results – Insider Tips from the Court and Private Bar." November 10, 1996.

Panelist, Los Angeles County Bar Association, "Enforcement of Judgments in Family Law by Means Other than Wage Assignments." October 8, 1996.

Panelist, Los Angeles County Bar Association and Los Angeles Superior Court, Annual Family Law Symposium. Varied family law topics. 1992-1996.

Panelist, California Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB), "How to Handle a Marital Dissolution." March 30, 1996.

Instructor, California Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) Family Law and Procedure Institute, "Special Evidence Problems in Family Law Litigation." March 23, 1996.

Speaker, Bridging the Gap, "Family Law." Semi-annually, 1995-1996.

Panelist and workshop moderator, Third Annual Family Law Institute, USC Law Center, "The Ethics of Custody Litigation." December 9, 1995.

Panelist and moderator, California Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB), "1995 CEB Recent Developments in Family Law." December 7, 1995.

Panelist and moderator, 1994 CEB Recent Developments in Family Law. December 10, 1994.

Panelist, Los Angeles County Bar Association, "The Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1994 and Its Effect on Family Law." December 7, 1994.

Panelist, Beverly Hills Bar Association, 20th Annual Family Law Symposium, "Judicial Perspective on Post-Judgment Modification of Child and Spousal Support." October 15, 1994.

INSTRUCTOR/PANELIST/SPEAKER (continued)

Panelist, Beverly Hills Bar Association Family Law Section Workshop, "Enforcing Family Law Orders by Contempt." June 11, 1994.

Speaker, South Bay Bar Association Family Law Luncheon, March 9, 1994.

Panelist, Los Angeles County Bar Association and Los Angeles Superior Court, 16th Annual Child Custody Colloquium. February 5, 1994.

Co-presenter, Los Angeles Superior Court 5th Annual Family Law Judicial Seminar, "Dealing with Income from Business: the Income Statement, Gross Revenue Determination, Inventory Validity, and Perks below the Line." January 22, 1994.

Panelist, Los Angeles County Bar Association, "How to Proceed in Family Law Court When One Spouse Institutes Bankruptcy Proceedings." December 1, 1993.

Moderator, California Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB), "Handling Spousal and Child Support Cases." October 2, 1993.

Panelist, Beverly Hills Bar Association Family Law Workshop, "Post-Judgment Modification of Spousal Support." June 12, 1993.

Panelist, Los Angeles County Bar Association Family Law Section and the Pasadena Bar Association Family Law Section, "Ethics Issues in Family Law Practice." May 18, 1993.

Speaker, Beverly Hills Bar Association Family Law Section, Hot Tip II, "Common Pitfalls in Contempt." April 21, 1993.

Panelist, San Fernando Valley Bar Association, Family Law Section, "Preparing and Presenting a Family Law Matter in the North Valley." March 23, 1992.

Panelist, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Family Law Section, "A Practical Approach to Child and Spousal Support Proceedings." November 23, 1992.

Presenter, Los Angeles Superior Court Family Court Services, "Divorce Seminar." October 1991.

Panelist, California Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB), "Handling Child and Spousal Support Matters," June 1991.

BENCH/BAR AND OTHER LAW RELATED ACTIVITIES

Member, Executive Committee, Los Angeles County Bar Association Family Law Section. July 1992-present.

Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association Special Task Force on Unrepresented Litigants in Family Law Courts. 1994

Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association Bankruptcy/Family Law Working Group. 1993-1995.

Director, Family Law Center of San Fernando Valley, Inc., 1993-present.

Judge, Constitutional Rights Foundation, California Mock Trial Competition, 1993-1996, Los Angeles Superior Court.

Member, Executive Committee, San Fernando Valley Bar Association Family Law Section. July 1991 – December 1992.

Public Member, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Citizens Advisory Committee on Child Support Enforcement. 1989-1991.