



HON. RODERIC DUNCAN
Judge, Alameda County Superior Court
(Retired)



JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

Elected to Alameda County Superior Court 6/86 (won contested countywide election against fellow Municipal Court Judge, was endorsed by Alameda County Bar Association), appointed to begin term early by Gov. Deukmejian 11/86. Retired (after 20 years in California judicial system) 12/95.

Appointed to Oakland--Piedmont Municipal Court by Gov. Brown 11/75. Presiding Judge 1985. Served several years in the sole civil department of 15-judge court and a year full-time in small claims department. Trained volunteer lawyers to preside in small claims.

MEDIATION, ADR TRAINING

Completed 40-hour mediation training by nationally noted trainer Steven Rosenberg 3/99. Completed American Arbitration Assoc. Commercial Arbitrator Workshop 2/99.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Chosen statewide "Judicial Officer of the Year" 1990 by Family Law Section, State Bar. Also honored by Calif. Association of Certified Family Law Specialists, Family Law Section San Francisco County Bar, Alameda County Family Law Assoc.

LAW TEACHING

Judges--1996-98 Faculty Lecturer every year at California Judicial College, many years at Continuing Judicial Studies Program and at several specialty institutes of California Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER). 1978-95 taught courses at CJER programs, National Judges College, Reno, judges conferences in Arizona, New Mexico, Washington. While on Municipal Court, taught Landlord-Tenant law, Consumer Law and Small Claims to every group of new judges coming on to California bench every four months and at annual Judicial College.

Attorneys—2001: Panelist on American Bar Association nationwide program: "Business Valuation for the Legal Practitioner, Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco; 1988-95; taught numerous courses for Continuing Education of the Bar, Rutter Group, Attorneys Briefcase, Matthew Bender/San Francisco Bar Association.

Certified Public Accountants—1996-98 speaker at statewide conferences of Calif. CPA Education Foundation, 1996 National CPA Conference.

Interdisciplinary--Speaker at Center for the Family in Transition Conferences (Judith Wallerstein, Ph.D.) for mental health professionals 1994-95.

Law School--Adjunct faculty, Golden Gate University School of Law 1997-02.

PUBLICATIONS

1996 chapter “A Trial Judge’s View” in Matthew Bender Custody and Visitation Law Practice (50-state book). 1990-00 Board of Editorial Consultants, California Family Law Monthly (writing comments on recent cases bi-monthly), consultant to Bender California Family Law Practice and Procedure. Author of Nolo Press Books How to Sue for Up to \$25,000...and Win! (covering the gap between small claims and Superior Court suits—presently in revision to cover Superior Court Limited Jurisdiction cases. Many newspaper and magazine articles including, Los Angeles Times 12/97, California Lawyer, 1/98.

PRIVATE LAW PRACTICE

Deputy Attorney General, State of California (A.G. Stanley Mosk) 1962-63. Administrative Assistant and law associate of Senator Nicholas C. Petris 1963-66. Private practice of law Oakland in (Lempres, Duncan & Wulfsberg) and in Castro Valley (Brown, Hagler, Henderson & Duncan) 1963-75 specializing in general civil litigation, business and construction matters, personal injury.

OTHER

1961 graduate of Boalt Hall School of Law, Berkeley (editor of school newspaper, member of Moot Court Board). Assistant to Speaker, California State Assembly through Assembly Fellowship Program, Ford Foundation 1957-58

Member, Executive Board, California Judges Association (CJA)1982-84, Chair CJA Public Information Committee 1980, 1988, Chair of four CJA 3-day conferences for reporters and editors of state newspapers and television stations. Member, Chief Justice’s Special Committee on Courts and the Media, which made rules for opening courts to cameras. Vice chair of State Bar Committee on Legal Services for Middle Income Persons 1993. Member, Governor’s Task Force on Child Support Enforcement 1993-96. Member of corporate Board of Directors, Nolo.com (formerly Nolo Press) 2000--

Graduated University of California, Berkeley, 1954 (City Editor of Daily Californian). Special Agent, Army Counter-Intelligence Corps 1954—56. News editor Roseville Daily Press-Tribune 1956-57, reporter San Francisco Examiner 1957-58.