



**HON. MARGARET KEMP**  
Judge, San Mateo County Superior Court  
(Retired)



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Judge Kemp has had a distinguished judicial career spanning over 25 years, and was the first woman appointed to the San Mateo Superior Court. Creative and involved, she is known for her innovations that were instituted in the courts, including some procedures that are literally named after her. For the last four years of her judicial tenure Judge Kemp served as the Settlement Judge for San Mateo, handling all of the Mandatory Settlement Conferences. Recently retired, she is now available in private practice to serve as a mediator, arbitrator and private referee.

### **JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE**

1987-2004 Judge, San Mateo County Superior Court  
1978-1987 Judge, San Mateo County Municipal Court

Types of cases handled include:

- Commercial and Business Disputes.
- Personal Injury
- Intellectual Property
- Malpractice
  - Medical
  - Dental
  - Legal
  - Accounting
- Employment
  - Wrongful Termination
  - Discrimination
- Real Estate
- Business and Partnership Dissolution
- Fraud & Lemon Law
- Class Actions
- Church Matters including abuse of children
- Domestic Abuse
- Eminent Domain
- Land Use
- Neighbor Disputes over Real Property
- Will and Trust Contests
- Elder Abuse
- Construction Defect

### **PROFESSIONAL CAREER**

1976-1978 Private Law Practice at Thirkell, Pierpoint and Kemp  
1972-1976 San Mateo District Attorney's Office – Deputy District Attorney – Founded Consumer Fraud Division

### **EDUCATION**

1971 University of California at Berkeley – Boalt Hall School of Law  
1966 University of California at Berkeley – Masters in Political Science  
1965 University of Illinois – Bachelors of Science in Education

## **ADR TRAINING**

2004            Pepperdine University – 3 day training session on Advanced Mediation Techniques  
2002            CJER – 3 day Advanced Mediation Training  
2000            CJER – 5 day training session on Mediation

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS**

Member, California Judges Association  
    Executive Board (1981-1983)  
    Secretary Treasurer (1982-1983)  
Chair, Municipal Courts Committee  
Member, Judicial Ethics Committee  
Member, National Association of Women Judges  
Member, San Mateo County Bar Association Board of Governors  
Member, Private Defender Panel  
Appointed, San Mateo County Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Advisory Board  
Recipient, California Judge of the Year as presented by the California Correction, Parole and Probation Officers Association.