



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.