



HON. FREDERICK A. MANDABACH
San Bernardino Superior Court (Ret.)



For twenty-seven (27) years, Hon. Fred Mandabach served as a commissioner and judge with the San Bernardino County courts, where he primarily handled family and business matters and earned the respect and praise of attorneys who stood before him. He was honored as the Kaufman – Campbell Outstanding Judge of the year by the San Bernardino County Bar and as the Family Law Judicial Officer of the Year by the California State Bar.

Judge Mandabach served as one of the premier family law experts in the San Bernardino County court system. He is often invited to speak at events all over Southern California on the topic of family law, and he has written multiple articles and contributed to many books on the subject. Before entering into his legal career, he was employed as an accountant for two large corporations, and through that experience he has developed a unique understanding of business matters.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Family Law

Commercial Contract/General Business

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

Judge, Superior Court, San Bernardino County, 1989 – January, 2006

Judge, Municipal Court, San Bernardino and Ontario, 1985 – 1989

Commissioner, Superior Court, San Bernardino and Ontario, 1979 - 1985

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Assistant Professor, Claremont Men's College, Claremont
- California Municipal Court Commissioner, San Bernardino County
- Law Offices of Gerald Egan
- Adjunct Professor (Business Law), San Bernardino Valley College
- Adjunct Professor (Administration of Justice), Crafton Hills College
- Deputy Public Defender, San Bernardino County
- Law Offices of Robert Light
- Management Accounting Supervisor, Great Western Financial Corporation
- Account Supervisor, Bethlehem Steel Corporation

EDUCATION

- Loyola University of Los Angeles School of Law, JD, 1972
- New York University School of Law, LL.M., 1972
- Claremont Graduate University, MA, 1980
- Golden Gate University, Bachelor of Business Administration, 1965

MEMBERSHIPS

- JNE Commission (2007 – present)
- California Judges Association
 - Family Law Committee (1993 – 1994)
 - Technology Committee (1986 – 1987)
- Judicial Council Advisory Committee on Legal Forms (1987 – 1994)
- San Bernardino County Law Library Board (1987 – 1989, 1993 – 2005)
- California Bar Association Family Law Support and Legislation Committees (1982 – 1985)

JUDICIAL AWARDS

- San Bernardino County Bar Association Award: Kaufman – Campbell Outstanding Judge Award (2000)
- California State Bar Association Award: Family Law Judicial Officer of the Year Award (1993)

PUBLICATIONS

- “Practice Under the California Family Law Act,” Contributing Editor, CEB 1992 through 2007 annual editions
- “A Visual Guide to Using CFLR’s Dissomaster©” California Family Law Report

PRESENTATIONS

- “Recent Developments in Family Law,” at the University of La Verne College of Law and IVAMS Family Law Seminar, March 2000
- “Tracing: What It Is, When It Is Used, Why It Is Used, and How It Is Used,” at the University of La Verne College of Law and IVAMS Family Law Symposium, November 1999
- “Advanced Techniques in Support Calculations: Maximizing Results for Your Clients” at the East-West Family Law Symposium at the Claremont Colleges, July 29, 1995
- “An Overview of Family Law for Non-Family Lawyers” at the Family Law Council of the San Bernardino County Bar Association, September 13, 1994
- “Child and Spousal Support” at the East-West Family Law Seminar, October 1993
- Criminal Law Legislative Changes Affecting 1990, Presented at the California Judges Education and Research Institute, March 1990

APPELLATE WRITING

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