



Hon. Tully H. Seymour

Judge of the Superior Court (Ret.)

Following 17 years of distinguished service with the Orange County Superior Court, Honorable Tully Seymour now serves as arbitrator, mediator and discovery referee. While on the bench, Judge Seymour sat in the Probate, Family Law, Law & Motion and Civil Trials Departments. In addition, he also handled larger, more problematic cases while serving for several years on the Complex Panel. He served with distinction as a Justice Pro Tem of the Court of Appeals on assignment. Prior to taking the bench, he practiced civil litigation for 14 years, primarily in the area of business and real estate. On the bench and as a settlement officer, those before him appreciated his considerate manner, neutrality and wealth of experience. Attorneys have called him “a pleasure to work with,” and said of his skills that “with his extraordinary understanding of challenging business issues, he is able to find creative solutions to very complicated matters.”

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

1985-2002 Superior Court of California, Orange County,
Supervising Judge, Civil Law & Motion, Probate, Complex Civil Panel
Superior Court Appellate Panel; Presiding Judge, 9 months
1999 Justice Pro Tem, California Court of Appeal, 4th District

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1971-1985 Sole Practitioner in Municipal law, Real Estate and Business Litigation
CA Real Estate Broker's License
1971-1974 City Attorney, Laguna Beach
1964-1971 City Attorney, Newport Beach

EDUCATION

1958 J.D., Stanford University School of Law, Palo Alto, CA (1958)
1956 B.A., Stanford University, Palo Alto (1956)
2001 Pepperdine University, School of Law - Straus Institute of Dispute Resolution,
Mediation Training; also Specialized Mediation (2004); Advanced Mediation (2007)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- Personal Injury
- Business/Complex Commercial
- Probate
- Real Estate
- Environmental Law / Land Use
- Eminent Domain
- Home Owners Association Matters

CURRENT & PAST MEMBERSHIPS

- President, International Academy of Trial Judges (2006-07)
- Trustee, World Affairs Council of Orange County
- Chairman, Orange County Tax assessment Appeals Board (1981)
- Hearing Officer, City of Santa Ana Building Code Board of Appeals
- Former President, Town Hall of California, Orange County Forum
- Former Member, California State Bar's Committee on Public Affairs
- Past President, Harbor Bar Association
- President, Orange County City Attorneys Association

PERSONAL

Judge Seymour enjoys boating, skiing, tennis, gourmet cooking.