



HON. IRVING SHIMER
Judge, Los Angeles Superior Court
(Retired)



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Having retired from the Superior Court, began presiding over settlement and mediation conferences, arbitration, discovery references, and delivering lectures on legal and professional matters before various professional groups and law firms. Settlements reached have totaled millions of dollars, June to present

Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court, February 1982 to June 1998

Associate with, partner in, and principal in, law firms and law corporations, successively Swerdlow, Glikbarg & Nicholas, Swerdlow, Glikbard & Berkowitz and lastly, Swerdlow, Swerdlow, Glikbarg & Shimer, a Law Corporation. The firm was active in various aspects of commercial and entertainment law. Among the many kind of businesses I represented were savings and loan associations, banks, radiostation owners, motion picture distributors, motion picture theater operators, real estate investments trusts, real estate developers, title insurance companies, general contractors, 1957 to 1982

Attended UCLA Law School. Graduated June 1957. Member Order of the Coif: Editorial Board, UCLA Law Review, subject matter of articles (long comments and shorter case and legislative notes) published included civil procedure, income taxes, oil and gas leases: created and founded UCLA Law Docket, the law school newspaper: president of McKenna Chapter, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, 1954 to 1957

U.S. Army, Korean Conflict, Service in United States and France, 1952 to 1954

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1970s to 1982

As an attorney, presented programs for Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB) and various lawyers' groups on variety of real estate topics, including security transactions, real estate brokerage and title insurance issues.

1983 to 1998

Member of faculty at California Judicial College teaching civil procedure: member of faculty of Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER), teaching civil procedure and jurisprudence: lecturer for CEB and many attorneys' groups on variety of matters including civil procedure, real property and probate.

1998 to present

Lecturer on arbitration, civil procedure and references (general and discovery) before attorneys' and professional groups.

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

Appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court, February 1982

Assigned to South Central District in Compton and presided over felony trial, including three first degree murder trials, and over the civil law and motion calendar, May to December 1982

Served as full-time law and motion and writs and receivers court in the Central District, 1983 to 1985

Chair of Superior Court Judicial Arbitration Committee. Authored the Court's Arbitration Handbook, and updated version of which is still in use as a published policy statement of the Court, 1985 to 1990

Assigned to West District (Santa Monica). Presided over the full-time law and motion department for more than three years, the probate department for three years, or more and civil trial departments: founded the Beverly Hills Branch of the Superior Court in July 1993, and early effort at coordination of Superior Court with, in this case, the Beverly Hills Municipal Court, 1986 to 1998

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

June 1998 to present

I have spoken or am scheduled to speak on the subject of discovery and general references, and the changing law with respect thereto, before the law firms and groups listed in the accompanying schedule since retirement.

MISCELLANEOUS

Member, Board of Directors, California Judges Foundation, 1986 to 1989

Recipient of the Beverly Hills Bar Association Executive Director's Award for Service to the Association, September 1994

Member, Board of Governors, Beverly Hills Bars Association, 1990 to present

Member, Executive Committee, Los Angeles Superior Court, 1996 and 1997

Recipient of the Malibu Bar Association Superior Court Judge of the Year Award, April 1998

Member, California Judges Association, American, Los Angeles and Beverly Hills Bar Associations

Member, Retired Judges Committee, California Judges Association, 1999 to present