



## HON. JEFFERY P. CASTNER

*Los Angeles County Superior Court, Retired*

Commissioner Jeff Castner retired from the Los Angeles Superior Court in 2002 to devote his full attention to serving as a mediator, arbitrator, discovery referee and settlement officer for ARC. Using his broad judicial experience and expertise as a civil trial lawyer representing both plaintiffs and defendants, Commissioner Castner is known for his ability to resolve difficult cases.

### PRACTICE AREAS

Personal Injury, Aviation, Business/Commercial, Contracts, Real Property, Professional Liability, Employment, Environmental, Discovery.

### CONFLICT RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

Commissioner Castner has spent nearly four decades in the legal community. He served on the Superior Court in Long Beach from 1991-2002. He was in private civil law practice from 1981 to 1991 and held a number of positions in the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office from 1970-1981.

Commissioner Castner's friendly, low-key approach puts the parties and lawyers at ease, allowing them to focus their energies on the settlement process in a more cooperative and safe environment. His strong work ethic means that he will not give up on a case until all potential avenues of agreement are carefully explored.

As a discovery referee, Commissioner Castner reduces the tension level in the deposition room and rules on objections fairly and thoughtfully, thereby saving both sides time and money appearing *ex-parte* on motions to compel. He employs the same approach to written discovery disputes, allowing the parties access to appropriate information that is necessary to evaluate and, hopefully, settle their cases.

### ORGANIZATIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Member: California Judges Association, Joseph A. Ball, Clarence S. Hunt Inn of Court, Long Beach Bar Association, California Court Commissioners.
- Former deputy marshal, district attorney investigator and deputy district attorney.

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

- J.D. (1978) and BSL (1976), Western State University College of Law
- Mediation training, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University School of Law

*Commissioner Castner is available in California and Nevada.*



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