



HON. MICHAEL J. FARRELL

Los Angeles County Superior Court, Retired

Judge Farrell has more than three decades of legal experience and is known to be a trusted jurist who is versatile, fair and gets the job done. He is well-liked and even-tempered with a good sense of humor. A favorite of the San Fernando Valley Bar, Judge Farrell was voted Judge of the Year in 1993-94 and in 2000.

PRACTICE AREAS

All types of civil litigation, including business/commercial, personal injury, medical malpractice, construction defect, maritime law, real estate and discovery.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

Judge Farrell handled an unlimited civil independent calendar for the last five years of his tenure on the Los Angeles County Superior Court. He was first assigned to Pomona and then transferred to Van Nuys, where he was Supervising Judge of the Northwest District from 1999-2000. He later transferred again to Chatsworth. A popular judge whose courtroom was known to have a family-like atmosphere. Judge Farrell has a reputation for being efficient, pragmatic, and a good problem-solver.

Judge Farrell began his legal career as an associate at Early, Maslach, Foran & Williams and continued working at small firms through the early 1970s. In 1971, he was assigned to oversee a mining operation in the Philippines as Senior Counsel of Global Marine, Inc. In 1984, he returned to the U.S., where he was Of Counsel to Coleman and Farrell and, later, a U.S. Trustee for the U.S. Department of Justice. In 1986, he was appointed to the Los Angeles Municipal Court and elevated to the Superior Court in 1989.

ORGANIZATIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Member, Irish American Bar Association, 1980-President; President, 1986; Daniel O'Connell Award, 1990.
- Member, Maritime Law Association, 1980-Present.
- Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission, 1980-1989; Chair, 1985-1986.
- California Judges Association, 1986-Present; Executive Board, 1995-1997.
- Los Angeles Superior Court Executive Committee, 1990, 1991, 1995 and 1999.
- Superior Court Judge of the Year, San Fernando Valley Criminal Bar Association, 1993-1994.
- Judge of the Year, San Fernando Valley Bar Association, 2000.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- L.L.M., University of the Philippines, Quezon City (1975-1977)
- J.D., Loyola Law School (1965)
- B.A., UCLA (1962)

Judge Farrell is available throughout Southern California.



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