



HON. RAUL A. RAMIREZ

United States District Court, Retired

A private neutral since 1990, Judge Ramirez is a skilled and seasoned conflict resolution veteran, hearing a wide range of federal and state cases. During the course of his experience as a private judge, jurist and civil litigator, he has presided over or participated in more than 3,000 jury trials, settlement conferences and/or mediations. He also has been appointed as a discovery referee and special master on many complex cases involving issues of great consequence.

PRACTICE AREAS

Complex litigation involving: employment claims of wrongful termination, sex, race, age and handicap discrimination; insurance coverage; personal injury; wrongful death; professional malpractice; business/commercial disputes.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

Judge Ramirez retired after 13 years of service on both state and federal courts, returning to the practice of law and beginning his career in private judging, specializing in commercial litigation. From 1990-96, Judge Ramirez was a Senior Litigation Partner in the Sacramento office of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, where he focused primarily on complex litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution procedures, i.e., court appointed special master, mediator, private settlement conference judge, neutral and party arbitrator.

From 1980 to 1990, Judge Ramirez served as a Federal District Court Judge, Eastern District of California; and as an Appellate Judge, by appointment, to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. From 1977-1980, he served as a Superior and Municipal Court Judge in Sacramento County, California.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Ramirez represented clients in tort litigation at the state and federal court levels.

ORGANIZATIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Admitted: United States Court of Appeals (Ninth Circuit); U.S. District Court (N.D., C.D., E.D., S.D., CA)
- First Hispanic appointed to the Federal District Court in California; youngest judge to be appointed to the Sacramento Municipal Court; youngest Judge to be appointed to the Federal District Court
- Distinguished Service Award, Sacramento City Council
- Lectures extensively on the subjects of trial practice and procedure for local and federal bar associations and other organizations

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- LL.B., 1970, University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law
- B.A., 1967, California State University at Los Angeles

Judge Ramirez is available throughout California.



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