



HON. ARLEIGH MADDUX WOODS

California Court of Appeal, Second District, Retired

Justice Arleigh Woods is well known throughout the state for her unprecedented judicial career. After 18 years as a judge, including 14 as Presiding Justice on the Court of Appeal, Justice Woods retired to become a fulltime neutral. As a result of her excellent settlement skills, she has been very successful at resolving complex cases in a variety of areas.

PRACTICE AREAS

All tort litigation, including wrongful termination, discrimination and construction defect. She has handled and written numerous opinions on construction defect cases, some involving condominium projects. Other areas of expertise include insurance coverage conflicts, environmental issues, real property, business and intellectual property.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

Justice Woods served as Administrative Presiding Justice on the California Court of Appeal, 2nd District, from 1984 to 1987. She was Presiding Justice of Division Four from 1982 to 1996 and Associate Justice from 1980 to 1982. She sat on the Los Angeles Superior Court bench from 1976 to 1980, where she served as Supervising Judge, North Central District, from 1978 to 1980. During her tenure on the appellate court, she frequently sat as Justice Pro Tem on the California Supreme Court.

Justice Woods has been the recipient of numerous honors and awards as an outstanding jurist. Her opinions have not only demonstrated her wisdom but also her compassion and sensitivity to the feelings of litigants. Her legal expertise, strong managerial skills, charismatic personality and persuasive style make her exceptionally well-equipped to hear all disputes, especially complex cases involving environmental, construction and employment matters.

ORGANIZATIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Chair of the Commission on Judicial Performance, 1986-93
- Professional Woman of the Year, 1982
- Appellate Justice of the Year, CTLA, 1983
- Bernard Jefferson Award for Judicial Excellence, California Association of Black Lawyers, 1985
- Outstanding Judicial Officer, Southwestern University Alumna of the Year, 1995
- Appellate Justice of the Year, Los Angeles Trial Lawyers Association, 1990
- Consumer Attorneys of California, Lifetime Achievement Award, 1995

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- B.A., Chapman College
- L.L.B., Southwestern University School of Law
- L.L.M., University of Virginia

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