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# Hon. Gabriel Gutierrez

*Los Angeles County Superior Court, Retired*

Since his retirement, Judge Gabriel Gutierrez has become a trusted hearing officer who is known to be eminently fair, and who "makes it easy to settle the case." He successfully handles construction defect disputes, medical malpractice, personal injury, employment disputes, and other difficult matters that often involve highly emotional issues.

## Practice Areas

Complex litigation, construction defect, discovery, employment, homeowners association, medical malpractice, personal injury and premises liability.

## Conflict Resolution Experience

For his last 10 years on the Los Angeles County Superior Court bench, Judge Gutierrez presided over the Civil Trial calendar, where he settled many hundreds of cases. He became a very popular trial judge with a reputation for being exceptionally intelligent and for having a solid command of the law.

Judge Gutierrez served with the Los Angeles County courts for 20 years, where he had been Presiding Judge, Supervising Judge, and Justice Pro Tempore of the Second District Court of Appeals. During his tenure, he received awards from many organizations for his outstanding dedication to his work and to the youth of his community.

Judge Gutierrez began his legal career with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles (1965-1968) and was later a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice in

Washington, DC (1968-1969). He served as a partner at Sillas & Castillo from 1969-1972, where he handled construction and related matters.

## Organizations & Achievements

- "Trial Judge of the Year 1997," CAALA; "Judge of the Year 1995," Pasadena Bar Association; "Award of Honor," L.A. County Board of Supervisors; "Judge of the Year," Constitutional Rights Foundation
- MALDEF "Achievement Award"; San Gabriel Valley "Hispanic Leaders Award;" Mexican-American Bar Association's "Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Legal Profession and the Mexican-American Community."
- Volunteer: YMCA, Boy Scouts, Little League, Junior Tennis Clinic, Mexican-American Scholarship Foundation to Assist Careers in Law.

## Education & Training

- J.D., University of Santa Clara Law School
- B.A., University of Santa Clara

*Judge Gutierrez is available throughout Southern California.*