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Hon. Joseph F. De Vanon

Los Angeles County Superior Court, Retired

Judge Joseph F. De Vanon has 25 years of distinguished judicial experience. He was appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court in 1996. In 2004, he was assigned a civil calendar at the Pasadena Courthouse hearing civil trials and, more recently, handling all the settlement conferences as the only settlement judge in the Northeast District. Attorneys hold him in high regard for his effectiveness and he was selected as Judge of the Year in 2006.

Practice Areas

Business, Intellectual Property, Medical and Legal Malpractice, Personal Injury, Probate, Real Estate.

Conflict Resolution Experience

Judge De Vanon is recognized for his ability to bring parties together to reach settlement in even the most complicated or strenuously disputed cases. He does his homework, has great insight and quickly assesses the issues, making them clear and understandable to both lawyers and laymen in all types of matters. Judge De Vanon has been praised for handling a high-profile case involving the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy which cleared the way for equestrian hiking trails at La Vina.

Judge De Vanon was appointed to the Superior Court in 1996 and was assigned a civil calendar at the Pasadena Courthouse for the last nine years, where he enjoyed settling all types of cases. During the past few years, Judge De Vanon worked with the Pasadena Bar on a settlement program as a means of lessening the court's case backlog, in addition to his role as a settlement judge.

Prior to his service on the Superior Court, Judge De Vanon was a Municipal Judge for six years and a Court Commissioner for four years. He served briefly in private practice and was a Los Angeles County Deputy Public Defender for nearly a decade.

Organizations & Achievements

- **Recipient:** Pasadena Bar Association Judge of the Year, 2006
- **Former member:** California Judges Association, California Court Commissioners Association.

Education & Training

- J.D., 1976, Western State University School of Law, Fullerton, CA
- B.A., 1972, Political Science, USC

Judge De Vanon is available throughout California.