



HON. NANDOR J. VADAS
United States Magistrate Judge (Ret.)

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Hon. Nandor J. Vadas is a retired federal Magistrate Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. During his tenure, Judge Vadas presided over many civil actions and criminal pretrial matters in the counties of Del Norte, Lake, Humboldt, and Mendocino, while also presiding over cases in San Francisco and on the Hopland Indian Reservation in Mendocino County. With thirteen years of experience on the bench, Judge Vadas has handled a wide variety of cases and settlement conferences involving matters of civil rights, employment issues, real estate, insurance issues, personal injury, the Americans with Disabilities Act, commercial litigation, and the Endangered Species Act. Judge Vadas also founded an early settlement program for civil rights cases brought by unrepresented prisoners, which has been applied in all state prisons in the Northern District of California and some prisons in the Eastern District of California as well.

Judge Vadas' judicial career was preceded by extensive trial experience as a Deputy District Attorney for a combined eleven years with the City and County of San Francisco and Humboldt County, and as a federal prosecutor for nine years in the United States Attorneys' Office. Judge Vadas also worked in private practice, where he primarily handled family law and dependency matters.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Civil Rights
- Real Estate & Real Property
- Personal Injury
- Americans with Disabilities Act
- Employment
- Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith
- Commercial Litigation
- Environmental

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT | 2004-2017 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of California. Retired November 1, 2017. | |
| PRIVATE PRACTICE | 2004-2006 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Private practice in Humboldt County with an emphasis on Family Law and Dependency | |
| COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS | 1999-2005 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecturer, Redwood Police Academy, College of the Redwoods
Taught criminal justice courses. | |
| OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
FOR THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT | 1999-2004 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deputy District Attorney
Prosecuted a wide range of felony and misdemeanor cases in state court. These cases involved gangs, cultivation of marijuana, and domestic violence. | |
| KROLL ASSOCIATES, INC. | 1998 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Associate Managing Director
Managed fraud and personnel investigations for the California State Automobile Association as an attorney and investigator. | |

**UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS OFFICE
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

1989-1998

- **Assistant United States Attorney**

Criminal Division (1993-1998)

Worked on a variety of criminal matters, including real estate and bank fraud. Acted as attorney coordinator for the Trigger lock program, Anti-terrorism Task Force, and Operation Gangland. Operation Gangland targeted violent gang members who were undocumented immigrants for prosecution and deportation.

Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (1989-1992)

Investigated and prosecuted several heroin and cocaine distribution organizations based in Africa and South and Central America.

**OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

1983-1989

- **Assistant District Attorney**

Prosecuted and tried felony and misdemeanor cases in state court. These cases included driving under the influence, burglary, robbery, and the sales of heroin, PCP, and crack cocaine.

LAW OFFICES OF MILDRED W. LEVIN

1982-1983

- **Associate**

Worked on a variety of family law, probate, and real estate matters.

SILVERADO INVESTMENTS, INC.

1979-1981

- **Escrow Manager**

Managed multi-unit condominium and time-share conversion projects in Southern California.

PRO BONO ACTIVITIES

- Member of the Ninth Circuit Pro Se Committee 2014-2017
- Board of Directors, Project Leaping Stone 2004-2008
Organization is involved in the development and construction of schools in West Africa.
- Volunteer with Project Vietnam March 2007
- Member of the Advisory Group of United States Magistrate Judges to the Administrative Office of the United States Courts 2006-2009
- Member of the San Francisco Juvenile Justice Commission 1995-1998
- Member of the Board of Directors for the AIDS Legal Referral Panel 1993-1995

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of California, Hastings College of the Law 1978
- B.A. in German Literature, University of California, Santa Cruz 1974

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Pursuing the Judge's Guidance Outside of Conference (The Lorman Group) 2019