



## Hon. Jacqueline A. Connor

*Judge of the Superior Court (Retired)*

Mediator • Arbitrator • Referee



Hon. Jacqueline Connor brings over 25 years of judicial experience in resolving complex legal and factual issues to her mediations. Nationally recognized for her extensive study of juries, Judge Connor's fluency in the art and business of jury perceptions offer parties an expert assessment of the risks and rewards that they face at the hands of a jury.

Judge Connor's in-depth knowledge of settlements, judicial decisions, and jury verdicts is enhanced by her ability to connect with parties on a straightforward and honest level. Attorneys have commented favorably on her superb settlement ability, such as "[Judge Connor] was able to work out a deal that was agreeable to everybody. It took a lot of guts for her to do what she did. But she figured out what the case was worth and she settled the case. There [are not] enough judges that do that sort of thing."

Judge Connor has been honored as "Judge of the Year" by three different legal organizations as well as been recognized as amongst the top legal professionals in both California and the nation, speaks fluent Japanese, and is a proud alumnus of the University of Southern California.

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### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Business & Commercial Contract
- Consumer Rights Litigation
- Employment
- Medical Malpractice
- Personal Injury
- Products Liability
- Real Estate

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### AWARDS & HONORS

2013	<i>Top Neutral Rising Star, Daily Journal</i>
2012	<i>Judge of the Year, Loyola Law School</i>
2007	<i>Top 100 California Leading Lawyers (Daily Journal)</i>
2006	<i>Leading 500 Judges Nationwide (Lawdragon)</i>
2006	<i>Outstanding Jurist of the Year (Los Angeles County Bar Association)</i>
2000	<i>Judge of the Year (Century City Bar Association)</i>
2000	<i>Judge of the Year (Criminal Section – Los Angeles County Bar Association)</i>

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## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- 1988 – 2012 Judge, Los Angeles Superior Court**  
Santa Monica Courthouse (Civil Assignment), 2002 – 2012  
Central Criminal, 1989 – 2002  
Pasadena Courthouse, 1988
- 1986 - 1988 Judge, Los Angeles Municipal Court**  
West Los Angeles; Metropolitan Courthouse; Central Arraignment
- 1977 - 1986 Los Angeles District Attorney's Office**  
Head of the Sexual Assault Unit, 1979 -1983

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## EDUCATION

- 2012 Pepperdine, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, *Mediating the Litigated Case*  
1976 University of Southern California School of Law, Juris Doctorate  
1973 University of Southern California, International Relations and Economics

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## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- American Bar Association Commission on Juries  
American Board of Trial Advocates (Speaker/National Conference Representative)  
Association of Business Trial Lawyers (Board Member)  
Association of Southern California Defense Counsel (Speaker)  
Beverly Hills Bar Association (Presentation Speaker)  
California Judges Association (Member; Nominating Committee)  
Commission on Judicial Performance (Special Master)  
Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles (Seminar Speaker)  
Judicial Council Task Force on Jury System Improvement  
Los Angeles County Bar Association (various committees and task forces)  
Los Angeles Superior Court (Executive Committee, Trial Jurors Committee Chair, and ADR Committee)  
Santa Monica Bar Association (Presentation Speaker)  
Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (Panelist/Speaker)

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## SPEAKING PRESENTATIONS

Judge Connor has spoken extensively on various legal topics, including:

- Jury Innovation and Reforms
- Elder Abuse
- Evidence
- Civil Jury Instructions
- Media & High Profile Cases
- Technology in the Courtroom
- *Voir Dire* and Jury Strategies
- Trial Practice
- Cross-Boarder Litigation
- Juries and Cyberspace

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## PUBLICATIONS

- **Mediation Gangnam Style**, Korean Law Journal (2014)
- **Juror Number Eight**, CAALA Advocate Magazine and Colorado Trial Lawyers Association Trial Talk (2012)
- **If I Had More Time Could I Make It Shorter**, ABTL *Report* (Spring 2012)
- **Closing Argument**, CEB California Trial Practice, Civil Procedure Before Trial (2011)
- **Handling ProPers Like a Pro**, Focus, *LA Daily Journal* (July 27, 2009)
- **Handling Trials Efficiently**, CEB California Trial Practice, Civil Procedure During Trial (Co-Author, April 2007)
- **Jurors Need to Have Their Own Copies of Instructions**, *LA Daily Journal* (February 25, 2004)
- **Jury Innovations**, International Association of Defense Counsel *Defense Counsel Journal* (April 2000)
- **Jury Management and Jury Selection**, CEB California Trial Practice, Civil Procedure Before Trial (2010)
- **Jury Reform**, Journal of Legal Advocacy and Practice, University of La Verne *Law Review* (1999)
- **Jury Service in LA County**, Los Angeles County Bar *Los Angeles Litigator* (Winter 2001)

- **Making the Evidence Code Work for You**, *ABTL Journal* (Fall 2009)
- **Mandatory Settlement Conferences**, *Perspectives from the Bench, CAALA Advocate Magazine* (2009)
- **Mediation: Who Are You Talking To?**, *CAALA Advocate Magazine* (2011 Convention Issue)
- **One Day One Trial and What It Means to You**, *Perspectives from the Bench, CAALA Advocate Magazine* (October 2007)
- **One Day, One Trial in Los Angeles**, *State Bar of California California Litigation* (November 1, 2005)
- **“One Day, One Trial” Opens Lawyers Eyes About Jury Service**, *LA Daily Journal* (April 25, 2006)
- **Opening Statements and Jury Deliberations**, *CEB California Trial Practice, Civil Procedure Before Trial* (2009)
- **The Ten Best Ways to Sabotage Your Motions**, *CAALA Advocate Magazine* (2010)
- **Ups, Downs, and All, Serving on Juries**, *Forum, LA Daily Journal* (May 17, 2005)
- **What Are Jurors Thinking?**, *Perspectives from the Bench, CAALA Advocate Magazine* (June 2008)