



HON. ROBERT W. THOMAS

Judge, Los Angeles Superior Court
(Retired)



EDUCATION

1966 UCLA, J.D.
1962 UCLA, B.S.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

1966 - 1974 Los Angeles City Attorney; Chief Trial Deputy; Head Deputy - San Pedro Branch;
Chief Deputy

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

1996 - 1997 Los Angeles Superior Court - Santa Monica District - Trials, Civil Master Calendar and Settlement Conferences.

1995 - 1996 Los Angeles Superior Court - Santa Monica District - Settlement Conferences.
(Approximately 2,000)

1985 - 1995 Los Angeles Superior Court - Santa Monica District - Master Calendar, Trials, Law and Motion and Settlement Conferences.

1982 - 1985 Los Angeles Superior Court - Compton District - Trial Court assignment plus Settlement Conferences.

1980 Pro Tem at Court of Appeals of California, Second Appellate District, Division Three

1974 - 1982 Santa Monica Municipal Court. Handled all Municipal Court matters including Civil Trials and Law and Motion.

Types of cases handled include:

Real property (Knowledgeable on CREIA Issues and Standards), personal injury, medical malpractice, legal malpractice, business, commercial, insurance coverage, employment law, construction and discovery reference.

Judge Thomas also has education and experience in the home inspection industry.

PUBLICATION

Payne v. White House Properties, Inc., Court of Appeals of California, Second Appellate District, Division Three, (1980) 112 Cal. App. 3d 465; 169 Cal. Rptr. 373.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

California Judges Association
Santa Monica Rotary Club; President, 1990 - 1991
Boy Scout Advisor

LECTURES

Santa Monica College
Santa Monica Emeritus College

SPEAKER

Santa Monica Rotary Club
Westchester Rotary Club
Santa Monica Retired Teachers Association

TEACHING

California Judges College Instructor - 10 years
California Judicial Studies Program - Lecturer
Chairman - Judicial Studies Institute
California Judges College - Seminar Leader

HONORS AND AWARDS

2009-2011 Named **Top 50 Neutral** in the State of California by the Daily Journal
2006 Named **Top 30 Neutral** in the State of California by the Daily Journal
1997 Malibu Bar Association, Justice Armand Arabian Outstanding Jurist Award
1993 Criminal Courts Bar Association - Judicial Excellence Award
1991 Santa Monica High School - Distinguished Alumnus Award

PUBLISHED ATTORNEYS' COMMENTS

1995 "He's the best there is."
"He was born for the job."
"Bright, courteous and understanding."

1989 "Thomas is easily one of the most well-liked judges in the Santa Monica branch of the Los Angeles Superior Court."
"He's the one that many attorneys wish to appear before, and one before whom lawyers on both sides eagerly waive the right to a jury trial."
"...good at settlements"
"easy to work before"

1983 "He's super, excellent jurist, very fair, very professional," commented a prosecutor.
"An outstanding jurist"

SEMINARS/LECTURES

- “Substance Abuse,” Buchalter Nemer Fields & Younger (Los Angeles, November 1997)
- “Case Management – Law and Motions,” Lewis D’Amato Brisbois & Bisgaard (Los Angeles, November 1997)
- “Legal Ethics,” Hill, Farrer & Burrill (Los Angeles, November 1997)
- “Substance Abuse,” O’Melveny & Myers (Los Angeles, December 1997)
- “Legal Ethics,” Allen Matkins Leck Gamble & Mallory (Los Angeles, December 1997)
- “Substance Abuse,” Hill, Farrer & Burrill (Los Angeles, January 1998)
- “Substance Abuse,” Keesal, Young & Logan (Los Angeles, January 1998)
- “Substance Abuse,” Graham & James (Los Angeles, January 1998)