



HON. JAMES R. TREMBATH
Judge, Contra Costa Superior Court
(Retired)



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QUALIFICATIONS

Served on the Contra Costa Superior Court for 13 years.
Supervising Civil Fast Track Judge.

EDUCATION

J.D. Hastings College of Law
B.A. University of California, Berkeley

ASSIGNMENTS

Supervising Civil Judge

Trial, Case Management, Law in Motion and Settlement Judge on Civil Fast Track (8 years)

Appellate Department Supervising Judge and Appellate Department Judge

Felony Criminal and Family Law

Varied cases including Juvenile

In conjunction with the Contra Costa Bar Association, organized and presided over new bench-bar settlement program

Extensive work with Contra Costa ADR programs

Served as ADR Chairman, with ADR Director, implemented the EMP (Early Mediation program) piloted by Contra Costa County Superior Court. Attended various AOC program ADR conferences.

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

Superior Court Judge: Thirteen Years
Appointed and then reelected twice without opposition

TRIAL EXPERIENCE

Extensive jury and court trial experience including, but not limited to, the following: personal injury, medical, dental, and other professional malpractice and other tort matters, construction defect, class actions, employment, real estate (including environmental, land use, etc.) business (including high tech, and B&P 17200 matters), elder abuse, educational law, civil rights, insurance coverage, and indemnity.

LAW PRACTICE

TREMBATH, McCABE, SCHWARTZ, EVANS, LEVY & DAWE as founding senior partner. Initially engaged in general law practice, including personal injury with emphasis on Real Estate, and later specialized in Real Estate Transactions & Litigation and Business & Bank Litigation representing both plaintiffs and defendants.

Served as a prosecutor for the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

SPECIAL TRAINING

Master's Forum Invitational (Mediation)
Pepperdine University.

Advanced Dispute Resolution for Judges
California Judicial Education and Research (CJER)

John Paul Jones Mediation Seminar
National Judicial College
Reno, Nevada

Mediation Seminar
California Judicial Education and Research (CJER)

Straus Dispute Resolution Training Seminar
Pepperdine University

PUBLICATIONS

Co-author of “Real Estate Litigation”

California Civil Practice, Thomson Reuters (Was Westgroup (Bancroft-Whitney))
From Inception to Present

TEACHING & LECTURING

“Mediation in the Courts”

National Judicial College

Panel Member, Judicial Council proposed New Jury Instructions Seminar

Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California and Nevada

“Judicial Settlement Conferences”

Contra Costa Bench Bar Panel

“Mediation Training”

California Judicial Education and Research (CJER)
Monterey, California

“Judicially Supervised Settlement Conferences”

“MCLE Spectacular”

“Judicial Settlement and Mediation”

Superior Court Bench
Martinez, California

AWARDS & MEMBERSHIPS

Judge of the Year

Alameda-Contra Costa Trial Lawyer’s Association

Ingram-Inn of Court

Member