



Hon. Jamoa A. Moberly (Ret.)

Mediator • Arbitrator • Referee

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After a distinguished and diverse career as a judge for 21 years preceded by a successful career as a litigator and trial lawyer for 20 years, Hon. Jamoa A. Moberly (Ret.) returned to her roots in alternative dispute resolution to serve as a mediator, arbitrator, and referee with ADR Services, Inc.

Judge Moberly was appointed to the bench in 1996 while serving as an effective civil settlement judge *pro tem* and has come full circle. As a former civil litigator and trial lawyer, Judge Moberly handled and resolved cases in the areas of professional liability, elder abuse, toxic tort, product liability, premises liability, fraud, business disputes, landlord/tenant, class actions and employment claims. Prior to taking the bench, her practice had shifted to focus on conducting mediations and arbitrations.

Judge Moberly brings a caring attitude to dispute resolution grounded in her goal to empower the parties to reach a resolution which is creative and satisfying. She has promoted mediation throughout her judicial career – first, as founding chair of the court’s small claims mediation program, which eventually expanded to include civil harassment, unlawful detainers, judgment debtor, and limited civil matters; and finally, as chair of the court’s arbitration and mediation committee for general civil and probate matters.

After presiding over and resolving a broad spectrum of unlimited jurisdiction civil cases for many years, Judge Moberly capped her judicial service as part of the court’s probate panel. She is known as a “healer of families” and promotes collaborative and creative resolution to help restore families and individuals while also preserving the estate.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Business & Commercial Contract
- Discovery & Judicial Reference
- Elder Abuse
- Employment
- Professional Liability (Medical, Legal)
- Personal Injury
- Probate, Estates & Trusts
- Real Estate

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

- 1998-2017 Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Orange
- Probate Panel – Trusts and estates, guardianships, conservatorships, 2014-2017
 - Civil Panel – Unlimited jurisdiction direct calendar and law & motion, 2006-2013
 - Misdemeanor and limited civil trial court, felony drug court, 1998-2005
- 1996-1998 Judge of the Municipal Court of California, County of Orange
- Appointed by Governor Pete Wilson, April 3, 1996
 - Elevated upon court unification, August 1998

EDUCATION

- 1996, 2017 Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine, “Mediating the Litigated Case”
- 1976 University of California Hastings College of Law, J.D.
- 1975 University of California, Davis / University of Florida Summer Law Program
La Escuela Libre de Derecho, Mexico D.F., Mexico
- 1972 University of California, San Diego, B.A. *cum laude*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1980-1996 Schell & Delamer, Partner
- Civil litigation, medical and professional negligence, bad faith, toxic exposures, premises and product liability, wrongful termination
- 1979-1980 Greenberg, Bernhard, Weiss & Karma, Associate
- Real estate, environmental impact, employment discrimination
- 1977-1979 Fleming, Anderson, McClung & Finch, Associate
- Business litigation, health law, administrative law, class action, family law, and real estate
- 1976-1977 Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International Field Representative
- Traveled to law schools throughout the U.S. and Mexico to reactivate and establish new chapters. Director of professional programs.
- 1974 Office of the District Attorney, Sacramento, Summer Extern
- 1973 UC Student Lobby to California State Legislature, UCSD Student Lobbyist

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2014 Distinguished Judicial Fellow, Orange County Bar Foundation Society of Fellows
- 2011 Judge of the Year, Orange County Women Lawyers Association
- 2008 Mock Trial Judge of the Year, Constitutional Rights Foundation
- 2007 Remarkable Woman Award, National Association of Women Business Owners

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- State Bar of California
- California Judges Association
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers
- Celtic Bar Association
- Orange County Trial Lawyers Association

LEADERSHIP

- National Association of Women Judges, District Director (CA, NV)
- International Association of Women Judges, Delegate: London, Tanzania, Washington, D.C.
- William Gray Legion Lex Inn of Court, Executive Board
- Los Angeles and Orange County Bar Associations, Conference of Delegates
- Constitutional Rights Foundation, Coach, Mock Trial Judge 1996-2005, 2009-Present
- Constitutional Rights Foundation, Judicial Advisory Board
- Juvenile Peer Court Advisory Board, Peer Court Judge 2009-Present
- UC Hastings Alumni Association Board of Governors, 1989-2000, President 1999-2000
- Orange County Women Lawyers Association, Executive Board Member
- Wilshire Bar Association, Board of Governors
- Orange County Law Library, Board of Trustees 2009-2017, President 2013

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Lector
- Irvine Children's Fund, Irvine Junior Games
- National Charity League, Irvine Chapter
- Meals on Wheels, Driver