

HON. ALLAN J. GOODMAN (RET.)



Available for: Mediation, Arbitration, Discovery Reference, Appellate Services, Private Trial

Judge Goodman joined ADR Services, Inc. in 2019 after a distinguished 24 years of judicial service, including 20 years as a Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court and 4 years as an Associate Justice Pro Tem of the California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District. Prior to his service on the bench, he was a lawyer in private practice advising businesses and handling litigation matters in state and federal courts, and served as Deputy Attorney General for the California Department of Justice, where he argued three cases before the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Goodman is an exceptionally well-respected and thorough jurist who measures the consequences of his decisions with an even hand. His ability to grasp and disentangle complex legal disputes is aided by his diligent preparation and research into the issues at hand. He now brings the same expertise and intelligence to his ADR practice to help litigants resolve their disputes.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Commercial Contract/General Business
- Complex Litigation
- Elder Abuse
- Environmental, Toxic Torts, CEQA
- Professional Liability (Legal, Medical)
- Personal Injury
- Probate, Estates & Trusts
- Real Estate

JUDICIAL SERVICE

California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District

2016-2019

Associate Justice Pro Tem, by appointment of the Chief Justice of California

1998, 2002, 2014-2015

Authored numerous appellate decisions for Divisions Two, Three, Five and Eight, including published opinions on arbitration, business, environmental (including CEQA), employment, legal malpractice, probate, real estate, and criminal matters, and on proper exercise of governmental powers; participated in review and determination of petitions for writs of mandate to superior courts.

Assigned Judges Program

2015-2016

Judge of the Superior Court, by appointment of the Chief Justice of California

Appointed to hear direct calendar matters in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, including all pre-trial and trial matters in business, employment, landlord-tenant, eminent domain and personal injury.

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

2001-2015

Judge of the Superior Court

Presided over direct calendar unlimited jurisdiction civil courtrooms, resolving anti-trust, arbitration, business, elder abuse, environmental (including CEQA), medical and legal malpractice, personal injury and toxic tort matters; tried over 500 cases to jury verdict or to judgment following court trial.

Municipal Court of California, County of Los Angeles

1995-2001

Judge of the Municipal Court

(Cross-assigned to Los Angeles Superior Court) Pre-trial and trial of business, malpractice, personal injury and criminal matters, and of petitions to compel arbitration and to confirm arbitration awards.

Allan J. Goodman, A Professional Corporation

1979-1994

Private practice focusing on general counsel advice to start-up and development stage businesses and to medical professionals developing proprietary products, and venture capital financing for those businesses; unfair competition and trademark advice and litigation in state and federal courts; real estate transactions and CERCLA compliance; estate, trust and probate matters on behalf of high net worth individuals.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Deputy Attorney General of California

1970-1979

Trial and appellate litigation; investigation of allegations of misconduct by public officials; enforcement of consumer protection and unfair competition statutes; regulation and supervision of health care service plans; public land law; served as Legislative Advocate in California Legislature and U.S. Congress on consumer protection and public lands matters.

Argued three cases in the United States Supreme Court:

Jones v. General Mills and Jones v. Rath Packing Company (1976) 430 U.S. 519: argued on behalf of 39 States and Attorneys General (whether Supremacy or Interstate Commerce Clauses of U.S. Constitution preclude enforcement of state labeling laws more stringent than federal statutes); and California v. Arizona and The United States (1978) 440 U.S. 59: argued on behalf of the State of California (whether Congress has the power to reduce the Constitutional grant of Original Jurisdiction to the U.S. Supreme Court); and argued over 50 cases in the California and federal appellate courts.

PUBLIC SERVICE AND TEACHING

Editorial Board Member, California Litigation	Current
Committee on Judicial Education and Research (CJER)	1995-2015
California Continuing Education of the Bar	2006, 2007
Los Angeles Superior Court BAJI Committee	1999-2004
Faculty, Bernard E. Witkin Judicial College	1997-2002
Regent of the University of California	1979-1981
Chair, LACBA Taxation Section, Estate and Gift Tax Committees	1980s
Judge, Moot Court and Clinical Trial Programs, LACBA and UCLA Law School	Various

PUBLICATIONS

New Federal Legislation Raises Multiple Questions Regarding Litigation of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Cases and Affects Recent State Legislation, CLA 2022

Remedies for the Courthouse Flu: How to Get Your Civil Case Tried During the COVID-19 Crisis, CLA 2021 Recent Legislative Changes Affect Longstanding Pretrial Discovery Practice, CLA 2020

Contributing Editor, Civil Procedure-Before Trial, Civil Procedure-Trial, Civil Procedure-After Trial, CJER Contributing Editor, Benchguide 62, Deferred Entry of Judgment (Drug Diversion), CJER

EDUCATION AND BAR MEMBERSHIPS

J.D., University of California, Los Angeles	1970
B.A., University of California, Santa Cruz	1967

Post-degree courses at Harvard Law School in Antitrust Law and Estate Planning
Brookings – American Enterprise Institute Judicial Education Program
Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association and American Bar Association
Admitted to practice in California and New York, all federal courts in California, U.S. Supreme Court

HONORS