



Biographical Information

Hon. Lawrence W. Crispo, Ret.
Superior Court Judge

Highly respected by trial lawyers, Judge Crispo's tenure on the bench and his extensive private career enable him to easily and effectively work with counsel and their clients to move matters toward resolution. Knowledgeable in many aspects of the law, Judge Crispo is insightful, extremely personable and has been able to achieve consensus in almost all matters brought before him.

TYPES OF CASES AND EXPERTISE INCLUDE:

Business, Civil Rights, Commercial Contract, Computer Fraud, Construction Defect, E-Discovery, Elder Law, Eminent Domain, Labor & Employment, Entertainment, Family Law, Governmental Liability, Health Care Law, Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith, Intellectual Property, Medical Legal & Accountancy Malpractice, Medical Devices, Personal Injury, Pharmaceuticals, Probate, Product Liability, Real Estate, Securities, Wage and Hour and Toxic Torts.

EDUCATION:

- 2004 American Bar Association (ABA) Arbitration Training Institute - Advanced Arbitration
- 2002 Pepperdine Law School, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution - Mediation and Advanced Mediation
- 1998 National Judicial College, Mediation and Dispute Resolution
- 1961 Loyola Law School, J.D.
- 1956 Loyola Marymount University, B.S.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

- 2004-Pres. Private Judge – Dispute Resolution
- 1994-2004 Judge, Los Angeles Superior Court – Extensive Complex Civil Calendar
- 1967-1994 Partner & Shareholder - Breidenbach, Swainston, Crispo & Way
- 1964-1967 Sole Practitioner and Of Counsel to Gilbert, Thompson & Kelly

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1962-1964 Associate - Gilbert, Thompson & Kelly
1961-1962 Deputy City Attorney - City of Los Angeles

Superior Court Executive Committee – Two Terms
Committee on Standard Jury Instructions (BAJI)
State Bar Judicial Council Liaison Committee
Superior Court ADR Committee
Chair of the Bench and Bar Committee
Grand and Trial Jurors Committee
Jury Reform Committee
Legislative Committee
Special Events Committee
Judicial Council Civil Advisory Committee
Committee on Judicial Education and Research

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Advocate, American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)
Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
Member, International Society of Barristers
Member, American Law Institute
Vice President, State Bar Board of Governors
Chair & Advisor, State Bar Litigation Section
Lawyer Delegate, Federal Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference
Member, American Bar Association House of Delegates
Member, California Judges Association
Advisor, State Bar Committee on ADR
Member, State Bar of California Foundation Board of Directors
Chair, Coalition for Justice
Member, American Judicature Society
Chair, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Judiciary Committee
President, Wilshire Bar Association Board of Governors
Governor, Association of Business Trial Lawyers
President, Italian-American Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (IALA)
President, Loyola Law School Alumni Board of Governors
Member, International Academy of Trial Judges
American Inns of Court, National Director and
Charter President of The Mount Baldy Inn

SELECTED LECTURES AND SEMINARS PRESENTED:

1978-1982 Lecturer & Faculty Member, USC Law Center,
California Institute of Trial Advocacy
1990-2004 The Rutter Group
1992-2005 Litigation Section, “Champions of the Courtroom”
1994-2005 Continuing Education of the Bar, State Bar of California

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- 1999-2008 Faculty, Continuing Judicial Studies Program
- 1999 Food and Drug Law Institute, Georgetown Law Center
- 1999 The Rutter Group – Construction Defect Litigation
- 2000-2003 Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, Las Vegas Annual Seminars
- 2000-2003 Association of Business Trial Lawyers, Annual Seminars
- 2002 Faculty & Seminar Group Leader, B.E. Witkin Judicial College
- 2002 Lexis Nexis, Mealey's California Section 17200 Conference
- 2003-2005 California CPA Education Foundation, Advanced Business Litigation Institute B&P17200 Unfair Business Practices, La Quinta & Los Angeles
- 2003 Defense Research Institute, Product Liability Conference – Las Vegas
- 2004-2009 State Bar Section Education Institute, Santa Monica, Berkeley & San Diego
- 2005-2010 California State Bar, Summary Judgments
- 2006 ALI ABA American Law Institute – The Art and Science of Serving As a Special Master in Federal and State Courts – San Francisco
- 2006-2007 California State Bar – What Every Litigator Would Like Transactional Lawyers to Know – Anaheim and Monterey
- 2008 American Bar Association – International Law Section – International Arbitrations in China
- 2008 California State Bar – Litigation Section – Coaching for the New Practitioner: What they Didn't Teach You in Law School
- 2008 CEB The Examination of Witnesses Before Trial – A Primer on Depositions for New and Experienced Attorneys
- 2008 CEB Cross- Examination: Techniques and Evidentiary Issues for the Experienced Litigator
- 2008 The Rutter Group – Successful Motions During Trial - Do's & Don'ts
- 2009 State Bar – Deal or No Deal – Mediating Employment Cases With a Corporate Defendant – Section Education Institute – Berkeley
- 2009 Los Angeles County Bar - Arbitration as an Alternative to Litigation of Civil Disputes
- 2009-2011 California State Bar – Summary Judgments, Winning at Arbitration

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