



*Biographical Information*

**Comm. Kirtland Mahlum, Ret.**  
**Superior Court Commissioner**

**AREAS OF PRACTICE:**

Civil Rights ♦ Commercial Contracts / General Business ♦ Discovery Reference ♦ Employment ♦ Family Law  
♦ Homeowners' Association ♦ Partnership Dissolution ♦ Personal Injury ♦ Probate ♦ Estate ♦ Trusts and Real Estate

Commissioner Kirt Mahlum (Ret.) was appointed to the San Bernardino County Superior Court in 1997. For 15 years he heard substantially all family law matters in the Barstow Superior Court. During that time he mediated hundreds of cases and very few family law matters went to trial as settlement was successfully reached in the vast majority of those cases. During his final 4 years on the bench, Commissioner Mahlum heard virtually all civil law and motion matters in the Barstow Court as well as having a weekly law and motion dealing with cases assigned from the Victorville Superior Court. Over the years he was also appointed to hear jury trials, including eminent domain, medical malpractice, and personal injury matters.

Commissioner Mahlum obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of California at Davis and his law degree from the California Western School of Law in 1969. He had a successful general practice primarily in the areas of family law, general business, and probate. In 1981 he was appointed as a part time Federal Magistrate Judge sitting in Barstow, and held that position until his appointment as a Court Commissioner.

Commissioner Mahlum has been active in community affairs and his mediation skills have been successfully utilized in those areas. Prior to taking the bench he was on the Barstow Unified School District school board and was its President during a strike which was quickly settled. He was asked to take over as President of his church's parish council and was successful in leading it during a time of crisis. More recently he was asked by fellow board members to assume the presidency of the 10,000 member homeowner's association where he resides after the termination of the general manager and great unrest in the community.

