



Biographical Information

Hon. James H. Piatt, Ret.
Superior Court Judge

AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Accounting & Taxation ♦ CEQA ♦ Civil Rights ♦ Construction ♦ Discovery Reference ♦ Elder Care ♦ Eminent Domain ♦ Employment ♦ Family Law ♦ Fee Dispute, Franchise ♦ Health Care ♦ Homeowners' Association ♦ Insurance Coverage/Bad Faith ♦ Intellectual Property ♦ Legal Malpractice ♦ Lender Liability, Medical Malpractice ♦ Official Misconduct, Partnership Dissolution ♦ Personal Injury ♦ Probate ♦ Estate & Trust ♦ Products Liability ♦ Professional Liability ♦ Real Estate ♦ Securities ♦ Wage & Hour

Judge Piatt served 23 years on the Los Angeles County bench. During this period, Judge Piatt tried several hundred jury and bench trials. He also served for over a year in the Law and Motion department. Judge Piatt presided over trials wherein disputed issues included real estate transactions, inverse condemnation, eminent domain, construction defect issues, medical malpractice, product liability, personal injury, labor and employment disputes, unlawful terminations, and a variety of governmental disputes and all other types of complex civil litigation. Judge Piatt also served over one year in the Family Law Department.

Over the past 15 Years, Judge Piatt has served as a mediator and arbitrator in a wide range of civil matters, including but not limited to, all types of civil disputes as enumerated above.

Judge Piatt has served as an Adjunct Professor in torts and ethics at the University of La Verne College of Law. Judge Piatt also was a lecturer at the Symposium on Trial Reform at the University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1998.

Judge Piatt graduated from Pomona College and received his J.D. from UCLA Law School.