



Biographical Information
Hon. Sherrill A. Ellsworth, Ret.

Judge Sherrill A. Ellsworth is the Past Presiding Judge of Riverside County, California, a Judicial Educator, and former Trial Court Judge. She has presided over Civil, Family and Criminal cases. After 20 years on the bench and more than 30 years in the field, she has earned a reputation for being a straightforward, no-nonsense, fair judicial officer. A broadly talented jurist and settlement expert, Judge Ellsworth has effectively handled complex civil litigation cases, family, felony criminal trials, probate, and general trials throughout her 30 plus years of lawyering and judging. As a Civil Litigator she handled employment disputes, represented regional banks, nonprofits, agricultural conglomerates, as well as small business owners and employees alike. As a Judge, prior to retirement Judge Ellsworth started the first Complex Civil Litigation Department in the Mid County region handling employment cases, hostile work environment, wrongful death, sexual harassment cases and tried 2 Construction Defects cases in one year while continuing to be a leader in the Courts. She is the recipient of multiple awards including Judicial Leadership Awards from both the Civil and Family Bar. She was a member of the Judicial Council and is a nationally respected Judicial Educator serving as faculty for entities such as the National Council on Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the National Judicial College, Giffords Law Center and others.

Judge Ellsworth was one of the court's most respected and admired bench officers, earning the trust of her colleagues and the lawyers who appeared before her. Judge Ellsworth has continued to work in the field of resolving conflict since she left the bench whether as a Judicial Consultant to Counties, Courts, as a co-founder of a communication and mediation app and more recently as a Mediator, Private Judge, Special Master, or Referee with IVAMS. Her skills uniquely qualify her to promote resolution while working efficiently with clients both in person and via Zoom. Her expertise spans all litigation. She has handled complex civil litigation and criminal matters, family law cases and essentially every court docket. Judge Ellsworth is an exceptional Trial Judge with unique skills focused on resolution of cases.

“Everyone should have their day in Court even if that means a Zoom or in-person experience outside of traditional Court.” Judge Ellsworth