



Biographical Information **Hon. Sherrill A. Ellsworth, Ret.**

EXPERIENCE

Adjudicate Services, LLC

Court And Stakeholder Systems Consultant; Judicial Advisor, Consultant, Mediator and Educator

- create, mediate and implement Court efficiency strategic planning
- assist Counties, Courts and Departments enhance access to justice
- coordinate system wide changes
- facilitate better communication between Court Users and Court
- analyze systems, processes, and procedures
- introduce technology as an efficiency application
- Judicial Consultant Giffords Law Center
- Advise Implementation of Laws, legal strategies
- provide education on various subjects
- private mediator and judge through IVAMS

Hyphen -Us

Co-Founder & Chief Community Officer, 2016 - 2021

Newman Lake, WA/Los Angeles, CA

Lead Mediation Executive

- Key industry point-person to courts/legal professionals
- Provide pilot guidance and leadership
- Support design & data collection efforts
- Manage outreach to and with judges, court officials, legal professionals
- Accompany team to meetings with investors, partners and/or other key influencers
- Create and implement Court Efficiency Planning
- Advisor to SaS and App development
- Ongoing leadership in community development of product features and concepts

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- Oversee community & outreach management team
- Administrator over all inhouse Mediators and outbound Mediation
- Ongoing training, mediation development and peer review

Smart Court
cofounder, Partner

Temecula, CA

Mediator, Arbitrator & Private Judge, 2015 – 2017

Superior Court of California, County of Riverside
Presiding Judge, 2011 – 2012

Riverside, CA

- Managed the entire court system of Riverside County, one of the most populous counties in the nation
- Oversaw more than 75 judicial officers and a budget in excess of \$120 million
- Implemented a large number of sweeping new programs and initiatives, including:
 - Moving the entire court to paperless processing, saving more than \$5 million annually
 - Creating the first-ever Veterans' Court in Riverside County
 - Rolling out software for domestic violence victims to submit filings from safe remote locations
 - Establishing Presiding Judge Settlement Days for the Presiding Judge to settle cases
 - Launching a new program pairing mentors with foster kids to ensure they graduate high school

Assistant Presiding Judge, 2009 – 2010

- Established the Riverside County Superior Court Education Committee for judges
- Active in statewide Judicial Council and Trial Court Presiding Judge's Advisory Committee

Supervising Judge, Southwest Justice Center 2007 – 2008

- Oversaw three different courthouses and 18 judicial officers

Judge, appointed by Governor of California, 2005 – 2014

- Presided over thousands of cases including criminal and complex civil (e.g., construction defects)
- Created large-scale "settlement fair," in which 20 judicial officers helped parties settle more than 100 cases over a four-day period; personally responsible for settling more than half of those cases
- Established off-site training summit program for judges and attorneys

Commissioner, 1996 – 2005

- Presided over criminal, small claims, civil harassment, probate, traffic, and family law cases
- Chair of Commissioners' Committee, 2004
- Established a family law substance abuse court and one of the first dedicated self-represented litigant calendar models in family law, which was replicated throughout California
- Facilitator for Schools and the Court, a court-community outreach program
- Faculty for various judicial training courses on topics including child support, domestic violence and the courts (under the California Institute on Human Services), and a statewide symposium on enhancing court services (under the Center for Families, Children and the Courts)

National Judicial College
Faculty, 2004 – Present

Reno, NV

- Taught courses on evidence, child custody, and alcohol and drugs

California Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence
Faculty, 2002 – Present

San Francisco, CA

- Taught various courses on domestic violence and related topics

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
Faculty, 2000 – Present

Nationwide

- Taught courses on domestic violence, domestic violence in immigration, and human trafficking

Center for Judicial Education and Research

San Francisco, CA

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Faculty, 2000 – 2013

- Taught courses on evidence, family law, addiction, and other subjects

Nielsen and Associates

Hemet, CA

Partner, 1988 – 1996

- Founded and managed a successful law firm focused on business litigation and transactions

Thompson & Colgate

Riverside, CA

Associate Attorney, 1987

Best, Best & Krieger

Riverside, CA

Law Clerk, 1986

LEADERSHIP

Judicial Executive Committee J Reuben Clark Law Society

Co-chair, Present

- promoting judicial excellence, leadership, and service internationally

Judicial Council of California

Voting Council Member, 2012 – 2014

- Appointed by Chief Justice as one of 11 voting members in California out of thousands of judges

State of California Judiciary, Strategic Evaluation Committee

Committee Member, 2011 – 2012

- Appointed by Chief Justice as one of 15 members to implement sweeping changes across California

Judicial Council of California, Policy Coordination Liaison Committee

Committee Member, 2013 – 2014

Judicial Council of California, Technology Committee

Committee Member, 2013 – 2014

Judicial Council of California, Rules Project Committee

Committee Member, 2012 – 2013

State of California Judiciary, Trial Court Budget Working Group

Member, 2011 – 2013

State of California Judiciary, Judicial Officers' Operational Planning Workgroup

Chair, 2011

State of California Judiciary, Presiding Judge and Court Executive Officer Management Program

Working Group Member, 2011

California Court Case Management System, Justice Partner Advisory Committee

Vice-Chair, 2010

State of California Judiciary, Trial Court Presiding Judge's Advisory Committee

Committee Member, 2009 – 2012

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

Board Member, 2008 – 2013

Orrin G. Hatch Distinguished Trial Lawyers Lecture Series

Faculty, 2008

Judicial Council of California, Family and Juvenile Advisory Board

Board Member, 2006 – 2012

Judicial Council of California, Violence Against Women Education Project Committee

Committee Member, 2005 – Present

California Judicial Education & Research, Domestic Violence Judicial Institute

Faculty Chair, 2002-2014

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Riverside County Superior Court Commissioner Committee

Chair, 2004

Judicial Council of California, Task Force on Self-Represented Litigants

Member, 2000 – 2013

Alternatives to Domestic Violence

Court Liaison, 1999 – 2001

AWARDS

Lawyer of the Year Award 2014, *J. Reuben Clark Law Society Los Angeles Chapter*

Hall of Fame Inductee 2014, *Western State University*

Douglas E. Weathers Award for Judicial Leadership 2013, *Consumer Attorneys of California*

Outstanding Businesswoman of the Year Award 1999, *Impact Council*

Woman of the Year for Outstanding Judicial Leadership 1999, *American Businesswomen's Association*

Outstanding Businesswoman Award 1986, *Western State University College of Law*

Merit Scholarship 1985-1987, *American Businesswomen's Association*

Merit Scholarship 1986, *National American Businesswomen's Association*

Scholarship 1987, *University of California, Riverside*

Soroptimist Regional Scholarship 1986, *Soroptimist International, Orange County Chapter*

EDUCATION & TRAINING

National Judicial College

Reno, NV

Bureau of Justice Assistance Faculty Development Course, 2000

Alcohol and Drugs Judicial Training, 1998

Center for Judicial Education and Research

San Francisco, CA

Civil Overview, 2013

Advanced Felony Sentencing, 2011

Criminal Overview, 2002

Alcohol and Drugs Judicial Training, 2002

Family Law Institute, 2000 – 2004

Beyond the Bench, in Cooperation with the Center for Families, Children and the Courts, 2000

Family Law Judicial Overview, 1999-2000

Judicial Orientation, 1997

Various Other Courses

B.E. Witkin Judicial College of California

Berkeley, CA

Judge's College, 1998

Western State University College of Law

Fullerton, CA

Juris Doctor, 1987

Bachelor of Science, Law 1986

PUBLICATIONS

Sherrill Ellsworth, *The Struggle for Gender Equality*, CLARK MEMO., Fall 2011, at 12.d

Donald T. Sposnek, Heidi Perryman, Josanna Berkow, Sherrill Ellsworth, *Special Needs Children in Family Court Cases*, 43 FAM. CT. REV. 566 (October 2005).

Multiple Blog entries coParenter

LICENSES

California State Bar, 1987

Washington State Bar, 2020

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PERSONAL

Me – Gourmet chef (seriously, try my food sometime), apprentice beekeeper, avid kayaker, traveler, volunteer, scuba diver, public speaker, educator, consultant and presenter

Family – Thirteen grandchildren, six children, one dog, and one husband