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JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

- 1993 – 2010 Judge of the Superior Court, Santa Clara County**
Civil Team Leader: Law and Motion, Settlement Conferences, and Case Management, 2008 and 2009
Civil Trials, 2007 – 2008
Supervising Criminal Judge, 2005 – 2006
Felony Jury Trials, 2003 – 2005
Juvenile Delinquency, 2002 – 2003
Felony Jury Trials, 1999 – 2001
Appellate Division, 1999, 1995 (Presiding), 1994
Criminal Law and Motion/Trials, 1997 – 1998
Family Court, 1994 – 1996
Criminal Law and Motion/Early Dispo, 1993
- 1990-1993 Judge of the Municipal Court, San Jose**
Civil Supervisor, November 1992 to March 1993
Criminal assignments, January 1990 to November 1992

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

- 1985 – 1990 Deputy County Counsel**
Represented school districts, Registrar of Voters, the Sheriff, and the Department of Corrections
- 1974 – 1985 Private practice**
Emphasizing personal injury, estates and small business formation

ADR TRAINING

- 2009 & 1998 Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University**

EDUCATION

- 1970 BA, University of California, Berkeley**
1973 JD, University of Santa Clara

AWARDS

Judge of the Year, 2010 Santa Clara County Trial Lawyers Association

COMMUNITY, TEACHING, AND LECTURING

- **Santa Clara University Board of Visitors**, 1991 to present
- **NBI Judges Conference**, Presenter, 2009
- **AOC Supervising Judges Institute**, Facilitator 2007 , 2008, and 2009
- **CJA Elections Committee**
- **CEB, Family Law Lecturer**, 1995
- **Santa Clara County Bar Association**, Immigration Law and Family Law