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# Hon. Daniel Pratt (Ret.)

*Los Angeles County Superior Court*

A full-time mediator and arbitrator since 2008, Judge Daniel Pratt is known as a decision maker who is also lauded for his thoroughness. As a former supervising judge of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Judge Pratt handled settlement, case management, civil law and motion, and probate calendars in thousands of cases during his 20-year judicial career. Judge Pratt is highly regarded for his skill in streamlining the case management process in mass tort litigation and counsel have praised his proficiency and resourcefulness in the resolution of diet-drug product liability cases in California.

## Practice Areas

Aviation, business/contract, class action/mass tort, employment, environmental, healthcare, insurance, personal injury, professional liability, real estate

## Conflict Resolution Experience

Judge Pratt tried more than 700 court and jury trials in a variety of matters. He handled all Fen-Phen diet drug product liability cases in California from 1998 to 2006, of which all 4,700 cases were ultimately settled with only two trials conducted. He was one of four judges in Los Angeles County who handled California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) cases in 2006-2007.

Judge Pratt also mediated thousands of cases involving a variety of issues since 1993, including complex business and commercial, construction defect, employment, environmental, insurance, mass torts, catastrophic personal injury, professional liability, and real property.

Judge Pratt has served as a special master and discovery referee in numerous complex, high-profile cases.

Judge Pratt is fluent in Spanish.

## Organizations & Achievements

- Attendee, U.S. Army War College Strategic Implementation Seminar, 2011
- Recipient, Judge of the Year Award, Celtic Bar Association, 2008

- Recipient, Lifetime Judicial Award, Southeast District Bar Association, 2008
- Judge of the Year, Consumer Attorneys of Los Angeles, 2004
- Judge of the Year, Southeast District Bar Association, 2000
- Judge of the Year, Whittier Bar Association, 1997
- Member, California Judges Association, 1988-present (former board member)
- Municipal Court Judges Association of Los Angeles County, 1988-present
- Mexican-American Bar Association, 1987-present
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, 1977-present
- Southeast District Bar Association, 1977-present
- Advisory Committee, California State Bar Litigation Section
- "Low Stress," *Daily Journal*, ADR profile, February 10, 2017
- "Expanded Horizons," *Daily Journal*, ADR profile, February 9, 2009

## Education & Training

- J.D., Western State University School of Law, Fullerton, CA, 1977
- B.A., California State University, Long Beach, CA, 1972

*Judge Pratt is available throughout California.*