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Hon. Arnold H. Gold

Los Angeles County Superior Court, Retired

Previously named a **Top Neutral** by the *Daily Journal* for five consecutive years, Judge Arnold Gold was listed in the publication's prestigious **Top Master** category in 2013. One of California's most successful probate mediators, Judge Gold received the Treat Award for Excellence from the National College of Probate Judges in 2006. Since he retired from the bench, he has conducted more than 1,000 probate mediations with an over 90% settlement rate.

Practice Areas

Probate & Family Law, Elder Abuse, Real Property, Professional Liability, Insurance Coverage, Business, Employment, Intellectual Property, General Civil Litigation

Conflict Resolution Experience

In addition to his probate work, Judge Gold has served as a referee, judge pro tempore, mediator or arbitrator in numerous large and complex civil and family law cases. Judge Gold's clients describe him as a mediator who "does not simply shuttle between conference rooms with the next offer" but instead "works the parties and their attorneys, challenging their positions and preconceived notions."

During nearly 13 years on the bench, Judge Gold handled a wide range of civil litigation. He spent many years assigned to Fast Track civil trials and handling family law disputes, and served as Supervising Judge of the Probate Department. As a Justice Pro Tempore for Division 7 of the Second District Court of Appeal in 1996, Judge Gold authored the landmark insurance coverage opinion in *Stonewall Insurance Company v. City of Palos Verdes Estates*, and the comprehensive probate fee opinion in *Estate of Hilton*. Judge Gold is an active member of numerous judicial and bar committees and associations.

An expert on civil, family law and probate issues, he is a frequent lecturer on those topics for a multitude of organizations. He has written extensive materials for lawyers and the judiciary on references to referees.

Organizations & Achievements

- Co-author of the Matthew-Bender Handbook on Depositions; lead author of the five-volume Thomson West *California Civil Practice* Module on "Probate and Trust Proceedings;" author of several chapters for California CEB publications
- Listed as one of the *Best Lawyers in America* (first edition)
- Member or former member: Los Angeles County Bar Association Board of Trustees; Beverly Hills Bar Association Board of Trustees; Judicial Council Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee; State Bar of California; American Bar Association
- Former President, Los Angeles County Law Library Board of Trustees

Education & Training

- J.D. (1955), Stanford Law School; Managing Editor, Stanford Law Review.
- B.A. (1953), *cum laude*, Stanford University.

Judge Gold is available throughout California.