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Hon. Philip M. Saeta

Los Angeles County Superior Court, Retired

Judge Philip Saeta's knowledge of civil law and procedure, combined with his settlement ability and his dedication, have made him one of the outstanding neutrals of his time. His talent lies partly in quickly zeroing in on the pivotal issues that need to be examined for settlement or adjudication. The quality of this judge's reasoning has earned him a reputation as one of the most trusted arbitrators in the area, who is "one of the most well-received by both sides."

Practice Areas

Entertainment, professional malpractice, business and contract disputes, personal injury and discovery references.

Conflict Resolution Experience

Judge Saeta served on the Superior Court from 1975-1991, where he handled Civil Fast Track cases, including law and motion and discovery, civil jury and non-jury trials, and settlement conferences. As one of the most influential judges in Los Angeles County, he was consistently involved in overseeing judicial education and Rules of Court, and in crafting legislation concerning court administration.

Judge Saeta served on the Municipal Court from 1964 to 1975. Before he was appointed to the bench, Judge Saeta was a civil litigator with the top Los Angeles firm of Beardsley, Hufstedler & Kemble for six years. Judge Saeta has served

on the leadership committees of the American Bar Association, the California Judges Association, the Los Angeles County Bar Association, and CJER. He has been a lecturer and Adjunct Professor of Law for universities and CEB, teaching law and motion, jury instructions, civil trials, and evidence.

Organizations & Achievements

- Member: and Chair, BAJI Committee; and Chair, California Judges' Association's Civil Procedure Committee; American Bar Association; California Judges Association; Los Angeles County Bar Association; CJER.

Education & Training

- LL.B., Stanford University Law School (1957, PhiBeta Kappa)
- A.B., Stanford University (1953)

Judge Saeta is located in Southern California and will travel upon request.

