



## HON. J. GARY HASTINGS

*California Court of Appeal, Second District, Retired*

After more than two decades on the bench, including 13 years on the appellate court, Justice Hastings draws high praise in every regard. He is extremely likable, has an extensive knowledge of the law and is known for making sound decisions. Justice Hastings is a member of ARC's Appellate Evaluation and Consultation Program, which provides pre-appellate argument analysis of briefs and oral argument as well as post-trial dispute resolution.

### PRACTICE AREAS

All types of complex civil litigation including Business/Commercial, Construction Defect, Employment, Insurance Coverage/Bad Faith and Law and Motion

### CONFLICT RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

Justice Hastings served as an Associate Justice of the California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division 4, from September 1993 to February 2006 and continued to serve on assignment through August 2006. He sat on the Los Angeles County Superior Court from 1985 until his appointment to the appellate bench. On the Superior Court, he handled civil and criminal trials, family law matters, a probate calendar, law and motion calendars, and a civil master calendar. He was Supervising Judge of the Southwest branch from 1989-1990.

Justice Hastings began his legal career as an associate and later a shareholder at the law firm of Belcher, Henzie & Biegenzahn from 1972-1985. He focused on civil matters including product liability, bad faith/insurance coverage and medical malpractice, family law and probate.

Justice Hastings is currently an Adjunct Professor of law at Southwestern Law School, where he teaches Trial Advocacy. From 1973-1977, he taught classes on Legal Research and Writing and Civil Law and Procedure. He has been a faculty member of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Southern California Regional Program, since 1994 and is a frequent lecturer for bar associations and other organizations.

### ORGANIZATIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- MEMBER: California Judges Assoc.; American Judicature Society; founding member of The Honorable Benjamin Aranda III Inn of Court.
- AWARDS: Adjunct Professor "Excellence in Teaching Award," 2007, Southwestern Law School; Roger J. Traynor Memorial Award "Appellate Justice of the Year," 2004, Consumer Attorneys Assoc. of Los Angeles; William B. Enright Ethics and Civility Award, 2001, California Council of the American Inns of Court; Honorable William E. MacFadden Award "For Dedicated Service to the Bench and Bar," 1999, South Bay Bar Assoc.; Alfred J. McCourtney Memorial Award "Trial Judge of the Year," 1993, Los Angeles Trial Lawyers Assoc.

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

- J.D., Southwestern University School of Law, 1972, *Magna Cum Laude*; *Notes and Comments* Editor and Editor-in-Chief, *Southwestern Law Review*
- B.S., University of Southern California, 1968, Business Administration

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