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Hon. Teresa Sánchez - Gordon

Los Angeles Superior Court, Retired

Judge Sanchez-Gordon has had a distinguished and impactful legal career, marked by her leadership in presiding over complex litigation and unlimited civil cases. With over 25 years of experience as both a judge and settlement officer, she has earned a reputation for her expertise and commitment to the fair administration of justice. Her service to the Los Angeles community extends beyond the courtroom; in 2024, she was appointed as a commissioner for the Los Angeles Police Department, further solidifying her dedication to public service and community well-being.

A passionate advocate for cross-cultural understanding, Judge Sanchez-Gordon has spent over a decade organizing cultural exchange initiatives for Los Angeles Superior Court judges. These trips to Mexico have fostered a deeper appreciation of Mexican culture and enhanced cultural sensitivity within the legal community. Fluent in both English and Spanish, Judge Sanchez-Gordon was born in Jalisco, Mexico, and immigrated to the United States with her mother and siblings at the age of three. Her personal journey has profoundly shaped her professional approach, particularly in matters requiring cultural competency and nuanced understanding.

Practice Areas

Disability, Class Action, Construction Defect, Medical Malpractice, Eminent Domain, HOA, Entertainment, Fee Disputes, Intellectual Property, Personal Injury, Healthcare, TBI, Legal Malpractice, Habitability, Real Estate, Employment, Environmental, Complex Litigation, and Civil Discovery.

Conflict Resolution Experience

- Judge Sanchez-Gordon's distinguished career is also defined by her exceptional skills as a mediator, honed over years of experience in complex litigation and settlement processes. Her ability to facilitate resolution in even the most challenging cases stems from a unique blend of legal acumen, empathy, and cultural sensitivity. She is widely recognized for her skill in bridging gaps between opposing parties, fostering open communication, and guiding them toward mutually beneficial solutions.
- Her deep understanding of diverse perspectives—shaped by both her professional background and personal experiences—enables her to connect with individuals from varied cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. As a result, she excels in creating an atmosphere of trust and collaboration, allowing parties to find common ground and reach settlements that are both fair and enduring.

Organizations & Achievements

- Judge Sanchez-Gordon is a Founder of the Latina Lawyers Bar Association and continues to be active in both Bar and non-profit organizations.
- Member of Mexican American Bar Association, and The Langston Bar Association
- First Mexican-American Presiding Judge of the East Los Angeles Municipal Court, November 1999-2000
- Served as Presiding Judge from 1999 to April, 2000 then transferred to the Alhambra Superior Court as Site Judge where she presided over a long cause felony and civil calendar.

Education & Training

- Immaculate Heart College
- Peoples College of Law
- She served on the Executive Board of the California Judges Association where she implemented and directed the Judicial Mexico Study Abroad Program.

*Judge Sánchez - Gordon is available
Statewide and Nationally.*