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Hon. Jaime R. Corral

Los Angeles County Superior Court, Retired

A mediator, arbitrator and private judge since 1999, Judge Corral is known for his easygoing, relaxed demeanor and his ability to focus on the issues. He has gained a reputation for being extremely fair and for having an acute sensitivity conducive to early resolution of conflicts of all types. His approach demonstrates intelligence, friendliness, objectivity and a complete understanding of the emotional issues attached to litigation matters. Judge Corral is fluent in Spanish and speaks basic conversational Japanese.

Practice Areas

Business/Commercial, Contracts, Employment, Personal Injury, Medical Malpractice, Legal Malpractice, Construction Defect, Premises Liability, Products Liability.

Conflict Resolution Experience

During more than 25 years on the bench, Judge Corral earned the respect of lawyers and litigants who appeared before him. His popularity among his colleagues earned him three terms on the Executive Committee of the Superior Court, two years as Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, one year as Supervising Judge of the Dependency Court, and one year as Presiding Judge of the Rio Hondo Municipal Court.

Judge Corral began his legal career in private practice with the Los Angeles firm of Kataoka, Moret & Corral, where he specialized in civil litigation. He served for several years as a Deputy Public Defender for Los Angeles County.

Judge Corral was born in Sonora, Mexico, and is frequently offered international invitations. He was a speaker at a conference of Mexican Appellate Court Judges in Michoacan, Mexico, and has been a featured speaker before judges, attorneys, law professors and law students in San Jose, Costa Rica, on American Juvenile Drug Courts. He also was invited to speak in Tokyo, Japan, about juvenile delinquency issues and Teen Court, which he started in 1992

in Los Angeles County. In 2007, Judge Corral was appointed by the Los Angeles Superior Court as a retired judge neutral to travel to Managua, Nicaragua to mediate *Tellez vs. Dole Food Company and Dow Chemical Company*.

Organizations & Achievements

- "Lifetime Achievement Award," Mexican American Bar Assn. (2001); "Judge of the Year," Pasadena Bar Assn. (1999); "Juvenile Court Judge of the Year," California Judges Assn. (1993); "Justice of the Year," League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) (1989). Active in numerous youth and community organizations.
- **Member:** California Judges Assn.; Mexican-American Bar Association. Judicial Council Court Interpreters Advisory Committee Vice Chairman (1997-1999); Juvenile Court Judges of California Vice Chairman (1992); L.A. Superior Court Media Committee (1995, 1997).

Education & Training

- J.D. (1970), Southwestern University Law School, Los Angeles
- Pre-law (1964-65), University of California, Los Angeles
- Asian Languages, (1962-64), Los Angeles City College

Judge Corral is available throughout Southern California.