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Hon. Keith M. Clemens

Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner, Retired

Commissioner Keith Clemens (Ret.) specializes in Family Law and has served as a private judge/judge pro tem, mediator, arbitrator, discovery referee, CCP § 638 and 639 referee, special master/family facilitator and case manager for the past two decades. He served on the Los Angeles Superior Court from 1991-1996, where he presided over family law direct calendar courts, family law trials, mandatory settlement conferences, OSC hearings, law and motion hearings, ex parte matters, domestic violence cases, and mandatory and voluntary settlement conferences.

Conflict Resolution Experience

Commissioner Clemens served in the Los Angeles Superior Court Department 9, Central District (Stanley Mosk Courthouse), from 1993-1996 and Department J, North Valley District (San Fernando) from 1991-1992.

Prior to his judicial service, he was a partner at Center for Enforcement of Family Support from 1985-1991 and in-house counsel at Atlantic Richfield Company from 1979-1984. He was in private practice from 1973-79, handling primarily business law and civil litigation.

Organizations & Achievements

- Author, numerous family law-related articles, including the annual "Family Law Update" prepared for the Beverly Hills Bar Association by Commissioner Clemens as one of the "Three Amigos."
- Member: Los Angeles Superior Court Family Law Committee, Domestic Violence Task Force, and Technology Committee.
- Adjunct Associate Professor of Law, Southwestern University School of Law, Spring 2006-Summer 2008.
- Adjunct Professor of Law, University of West Los Angeles School of Law, Fall 2005.

- Member, Board of Directors, Levitt & Quinn Family Law Center, Inc., January 1998-present.
- Member, L.A. Regional Standing Committee of FLEXCOM (State Bar Family Law Executive Committee) and its successor, 2016 to present.
- Member, Executive Committee, Los Angeles County Bar Association Family Law Section, 1992-1997.
- Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association Special Task Force on Unrepresented Litigants in Family Law Courts, 1994.
- Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association Bankruptcy/Family Law Working Group, 1993-1995.
- Director, Family Law Center of San Fernando Valley, Inc., 1993-1996.
- Member, Executive Committee, San Fernando Valley Bar Association Family Law Section, 1991-1992.

Education & Training

- J. D., University of California, Los Angeles, 1973; *Order of the Coif*; *Associate Editor, UCLA Law Review*.
- Graduate school, economics, University of California, Berkeley, and Harvard University.
- B. A., Economics, University of California, Berkeley, 1964.

Commissioner Clemens is available throughout California.