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Hon. Kimberley Baker Guillemet

Los Angeles County Superior Court, Retired

Kimberley Baker Guillemet is a highly respected mediator, arbitrator, public servant, law professor, author, and jurist whose career is defined by a commitment to justice, equity, and effective dispute resolution. Drawing on her experience as the founding director of the Los Angeles Mayor's Office of Reentry, a Los Angeles Superior Court judicial officer, educator, and private neutral, she brings a thoughtful, balanced, and solutions-oriented approach to resolving complex disputes. Her work spans dispute resolution, public policy, board governance, authorship, and strategic academic and philanthropic leadership. Judge Guillemet is particularly skilled at bridging divides, fostering productive dialogue, and helping parties navigate challenging conflicts with empathy, creativity, and practical judgment to achieve meaningful and lasting resolutions.

Practice Areas

- Appellate, disability/access, elder care, family law/divorce, fee disputes, habitability, legal malpractice, low cost options, professional liability, education/special education, mental health law, faith based/religious disputes, and sexual assault/battery.

Conflict Resolution Experience

- Judge Guillemet served as a Judge with the Los Angeles Superior Court for eight years and has extensive experience in dispute resolution and public service. During her tenure as a policy director for the City of Los Angeles, she regularly resolved high-stakes disputes, balanced the competing interests of diverse constituencies, and engineered creative and cost-effective solutions that preserved vital business and community partnerships. She has represented state professional and licensing boards in administrative hearings and settlement negotiations, as well as plaintiffs in disability rights matters against school districts and local education agencies in due process hearings, mediations, and IEP meetings, achieving a 100% success rate.

Education & Training

- University of Southern California Gould School of Law (2005)
- Stanford University (2000)
- University of the Americas, Puebla, Mexico (1999)

Organizations & Achievements

- Judge, Los Angeles Superior Court
- Director, Office of Reentry, Los Angeles Mayor's Office
- Deputy Attorney General, California Department of Justice
- Staff Attorney/Law Fellow, Disability Rights California
- Teacher/Instructor/Educator at Pepperdine Law School, Los Angeles Unified School District, and Southwestern Law School
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Association of African American California Judicial Officers
- California Association of Black Lawyers-Judicial Section
- State Bar of California
- United States District Court - Central District
- Guillemet, K. B. (2021). Black Prep: Life Lessons of a Perpetual Outsider. Los Angeles: Ransom & Baker Publishing House.
- "Rehabilitation and Restoration: Effective Correctional Approaches for Recidivism Reduction and Their Application in Los Angeles County" UCLA Criminal Justice Law Review. (2019)

Judge Guillemet is available throughout California and nationally via Zoom.