



### *Biographical Information*

## **Hon. Jeff Castner, Ret.** **Superior Court Commissioner**

#### **Areas of Practice: Personal injury, Real Estate, Business Mediations and Discovery References.**

Commissioner Jeff Castner took an early retirement from the Los Angeles Superior Court in 2002 to devote his full time and attention to civil mediation and private judging. Using his broad judicial experience and expertise as a former trial lawyer representing both plaintiffs and insured defendants, Jeff is known for his ability to resolve difficult cases.

Jeff's friendly, low-key approach to mediation places the parties and their attorneys at ease, allowing them to focus on the settlement process in a more cooperative and relaxed environment. At the same time, he will not give up on a case until all possible avenues of agreement have been fully explored.

As an arbitrator, Jeff carefully studies submitted materials, gives witnesses and counsel his full attention and produces fair, well-reasoned decisions in a timely manner.

In addition to his service on the superior court beginning in 1991, Jeff was a trial lawyer and principal of a small Long Beach firm from 1981 until his appointment to the bench. From 1978 until 1981 he was a Los Angeles County deputy district attorney. His last assignment there was in Operation Hardcore, the elite gang murder unit. He is a 1978 graduate of Western State College of Law.

A former U.S. Marine, Jeff has been a *pro bono* advocate for veterans seeking disability services from the Veterans Administration. His military awards include the Marine Corps Combat Action Ribbon and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm.

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