



### *Biographical Information*

## **Hon. Joseph DeVanon, Ret. Superior Court Judge**

Judge Joseph DeVanon has now retired after 27 years on the Los Angeles courts. Judge DeVanon is a veteran of more than 500 jury trials as well as many more court trials and contested matters. Originally hired as a Commissioner of the Glendale Municipal Court in 1986, Judge DeVanon was appointed to that court in 1990. In 1996 he was elevated to the Superior Court, the last 16 years of which he has spent in Pasadena.

The three judicial profiles of the judge done by the Daily Journal use the same language to describe him over a 27 year career. He is “well prepared, conscientious, hard working and courteous to both counsel and the parties appearing before him”. A native of Chicago the judge was raised in the Pasadena/San Marino area where he attended local schools. A 1972 graduate of USC and Western State University College of Law in 1976, where he was a member of the law review.

Judge DeVanon is well respected in the legal community and enjoys the reputation as a decisive bench officer. During his last 10 years in Pasadena, Judge DeVanon has presided over jury trials, court trails, law and motion as well as running the Mandatory Settlement Program. Judge DeVanon has presided over many mold cases both in the trial stage and settlement stage. In 2006 he was recognized by the Pasadena Bar Association as the outstanding judge of the year. He has been successful in obtaining settlements in, but not limited to medical malpractice, business disputes, probate, as well as general negligence and property disputes.

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