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Biographical Information

Hon. Richard Montes, Ret. Judge of the Superior Court

Judge Richard Montes is a retired Superior Court Judge who served in the Los Angeles Courts for twenty four years. He was also engaged in the private practice of dispute resolution, private trial work and served as an assigned judge.

Legal Background

Upon graduating from Loyola Law School, Judge Montes first worked as a hearing officer for the National Labor Relations Board for approximately three years. Judge Montes worked for the Los Angeles Office of the District Attorney from 1972 to 1976 where he participated in numerous felony trials..

Elected Positions

While working for the Los Angeles District Attorneys Office Judge Montes was an elected Councilman in the City of San Gabriel from 1972 to 1974. Then he served as Mayor until 1976.

Judicial Positions

In 1976, Judge Montes was appointed to the then Alhambra Municipal Court where he served as the Presiding Judge of the Court. In 1980, Judge Montes was appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court, serving first in the family law departments of the Pomona Superior Court.

Supervising Positions

- Presiding Judge of the Alhambra Municipal Courts
- Supervising Judge of the Pasadena Superior Court District, handling all law and motion hearings and settlement conferences
- Supervising Judge of the Family Law departments of Los Angeles Superior Court, handling all mandatory settlement conferences in the Central District
- Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Courts of Los Angeles County

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Civil and Family law experience

Judge Montes has presided over civil calendar courts in the Pasadena, Central District, and Long Cause calendars. In addition to being the Supervising Judge of Family Law, Judge Montes has sat in numerous family law courts during his *career*, handling trials and settlement conferences.

Assigned Judge

Judge Montes has tried civil and family law cases in San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, and San Luis Obispo Counties during the past ten years.

Special Master and Trial Judge

Judge Montes has been assigned to hear matters pursuant to CCP 638 and 639 on numerous occasions. In addition, he is thoroughly familiar with the requirements of the issuance of statements of decision, having issued hundreds of such statements during his career.