

Biographical Information

Hon. Peter H. Norell, Ret. Judge of the Superior Court

Judge Peter Norell retired from the Superior Court of California, San Bernardino County, after 16 1/2 years as a judge. He has been working as a private mediator and arbitrator since March 2006.

Judge Norell graduated from Drake University, in Des Moines, Iowa in 1964 with a B.S. Degree in Marketing and Economics. After graduation, he held a variety of jobs in the insurance industry culminating as Vice-President of Transamerica Title Insurance Company.

In 1975 he enrolled in the University of La Verne College of Law. He graduated Cum Laude in 1979 and was Editor of the Law Review. Admitted to the California Bar in November 1979, Judge Norell was a sole practitioner in Upland, California for nearly 10 years before being appointed to the Bench in September 1989. His primary focus was Real Estate litigation, particularly in the areas of construction defect, escrow, title insurance and broker malpractice.

During his years on the Bench, Judge Norell was elected Presiding Judge for the years 1991-1993 and 2004-2005. He supervised over 85 Judicial Officers, 1,000 employees and an annual budget of 100 million dollars. His last 8 years were in a civil assignment, where he handled over 100 settlement conferences in construction defect cases in addition to mediating hundreds of other civil cases.

