

Biographical Information
Hon. LeROY A. SIMMONS, Ret.
Superior Court Judge

Judge Simmons was elected to the Municipal Court in 1976 and was appointed to the Superior Court in 1981. He served on the bench for 17 years, and retired in 1994. Immediately thereafter, he was assigned to the Superior Court in San Bernardino, hearing Law and Motion matters until 2004. During that same time he was able to work in Alternative Dispute Resolution on a part time basis. During his 27 years of work on the bench, he handled hundreds of court and jury trials dealing with issues in real estate (eminent domain, sales contracts, easements, equitable servitudes, adverse possession, et al.), CEQA, professional liability, personal injury, general torts, family law, probate, and virtually all of the fields of State civil law. During his years of law practice, he was a trial lawyer, handling personal injury, family law, and criminal matters. While working in ADR, he continues to be regularly selected to handle matters of real estate, corporate disputes, torts, family law, construction defect, and other matters across the broad spectrum of civil litigation. He now handles many complex cases as Special Master by appointment of the Superior Courts of San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange, and Los Angeles Counties. He was an instructor in the California Judicial Education and Research program (CJER), and at the California Judges College. He was honored in 2001 to receive from the San Bernardino County Bar Association, the prestigious Kaufman/Campbell award as a distinguished jurist for the year.

Judge Simmons has remained active in community affairs over the years. He has served 25 years as staff in the California YMCA Youth and Government program, acting as the director of the model Appellate Court program. He was a member of the San Bernardino County Planning Commission, the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino County Law Library, San Bernardino County Legal Aid Society, San Bernardino County Bar Association and he was President of the Board of Trustees of Barstow Community College for four years. More recently, he served with Habitat for Humanity in the New Orleans area in 2006, building homes in the Hurricane Katrina relief effort. He presently serves on the Judicial Nominee Evaluation Commission of the California State Bar.

Judge Simmons received his undergraduate education at Brigham Young University in Utah, and Wayne State University in Detroit. He received his J.D. from the University of San Francisco. He was the trial judge who presided over the Anderson v. PG&E case, which was the basis for the movie "Erin Brockovich," and portrayed himself in the film. He continues to be active in ADR work in matters across the broad scope of civil law and procedure.

