



HERBERT B. HOFFMAN

AFFILIATION: Judicate West
LOCATION: Southern California
RATE: \$550/hour; \$5,500/day
SPECIALTY: Complex tort and commercial

RECENT CASES: Hoffman heard cases ranging from personal injury to sexual harassment to products liability. In one case, a handicapped man sued a hotel for failing to properly install and inspect a toilet seat. The man fell off the toilet and suffered a series of medical complications as a result, and was awarded \$8 million by a jury. Hoffman mediated case on appeal and reached a confidential settlement. He settled a dispute between the manufacturer for intraocular eye lenses and a subcontractor who packages them. Both companies settled initial litigation from consumers, who claimed the lenses clouded their vision, and filed cross complaints against each other. Hoffman's mediation proposal was accepted, with the subcontractor's insurance paying \$1.3 million to the manufacturer.

BACKGROUND: San Diego County Superior Court judge; Assistant United States Attorney in San Diego and Washington, D.C.; United States Department of Justice; litigator at Sachs, Greenebaum & Taylor

FACT: In the summertime, Hoffman can be found watching and betting on horse races at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. At his home nearby, he has framed a program of the racetrack's opening day in 1937 and another from 1945, when the program cost 15 cents. Both were gifts from a friend from a longtime friend at the racetrack.