

## Judicate West Adds Judge James L. Crandall To Orange County Neutral Roster



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SANTA ANA, CA—Judicate West, one of California’s leading providers of private dispute resolution services, has added Judge James L. Crandall, formerly with the Orange County Superior Court, to its roster of neutrals. Based in the Santa Ana office, he is available as a mediator, arbitrator and private judge for matters statewide.

Appointed to the Superior Court bench in 2012 by then-Gov. Jerry Brown, Judge Crandall served for more than a decade on the Orange County Superior Court bench. He received national attention for his 2018 ruling that the State of California’s sanctuary immigration law infringed on Huntington Beach’s local control as a charter city. Prior to his bench appointment, Judge Crandall was a partner at Crandall, Wade and Lowe for 36 years, where he defended insurance companies in excess liability and bad faith claims. In addition to trying 164 cases to verdict, he also took roughly 800 cases to mediation. Judge Crandall’s breadth of trial experience earned him the rank of “Diplomate” with the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), the organization’s highest rank.