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Judge James L. Crandall as Neutral in Santa Ana from Orange County Superior Court.

Crandall 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, 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, 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.