



Hon. Frederick P. Aguirre, Ret.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

Judge Aguirre has served the legal community as an attorney and judge with passion, pride, and dignity for over 46 years. In 2017, after 15 years on the bench, he retired from the Orange County Superior Court where he presided over civil trials, law and motion, and settlements regarding government liability, business, personal injury, and medical malpractice cases. He also sat in the Family Law department for 4 years. Before he was a judge he founded a 92-unit assisted living retirement community and for 17 years managed the facility. In his 28 years of private practice, he dealt with personal injury, real estate, employment, construction, licensing, and insurance issues. This experience gives him an "in the trenches" view of what all parties go through in a dispute. Fluent in both English and Spanish, he possesses strong communication skills and a comprehensive perspective to his role as a neutral, serving as a mediator and arbitrator in personal injury, real estate, medical malpractice, elder abuse, and business/contractual matters. One attorney who worked with him on a real property mediation said, "Judge Aguirre was perfect for this case. He cut through to the core issues and then managed difficult personalities exceedingly well. He is charming, humble, gracious, and smart."

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Neutral, Judicate West (2017-Present)
- Judge, Superior Court, Orange County (2002-17); Unlimited Civil Trials (2013-17); Limited Civil Trials (2010-12); Juvenile Trials (2008-10); Family Law Trials (2004-08); Criminal Trials (2002-04)
- Founding Member & Managing General Partner, Bradford Square Retirement Community (1985-02)
- Sole Practitioner, Criminal Defense, Plaintiff's Personal Injury, and Real Estate Development (1976-02)
- Attorney, Cohen, Stokke, Owen & Davis, practicing Family Law (1974-76)
- Legal Aid Society of Santa Clara County (1974)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., University of California Los Angeles (1971)
- B. A., University of Southern California (1968)
- Mediation Training (Dissolution), Pepperdine University School of Law/Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution (2005)
- Mediation Training, California Judges Association (2004)

PRACTICE AREAS

Business/Contractual; Employment; Family Law; Government Liability; Medical Negligence; Personal Injury; Real Estate; Wrongful Death

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Hon. Francisco Briseño Lifetime Achievement Award, Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County (2025)
- Navy League of the United States, Orange County Council, Member, Board of Directors (2010-2020); Judge Advocate (2012-2020)
- California Latino Judges Association, Member (2002-Present); Vice President (2010-12)
- George Bailey Award, Family Law Section, Orange County Bar Association (2008)
- George Bailey Award, Family Law Section, Orange County Bar Association (2008)
- Orange County Superior Court Grand Jury Committee, Member (2006-2017)
- Named by Latino Leaders Magazine as one of the "101 Most Influential Latinos in USA" (2014)
- Judge of the Year, Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County (2003)
- Support of Youth Award, California LULAC Education Foundation (2002)
- Co-Founder, Latino Advocates for Education, Inc., President (1996); Member (1996-Present)

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

- Alzheimer's Association of Orange County; Board of Directors (1985-87); Member (1985-Present)
- Orange County Trial Lawyers Association, Board of Directors (1980-82); Member (1980-Present)
- Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County, Co-Founder (1974); President (1976)

In his spare time, Judge Aguirre enjoys spending time with his family, playing handball and piano, and is currently writing a book on WWII Latino Veterans at Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941.

LOCATIONS

Orange County, All of California