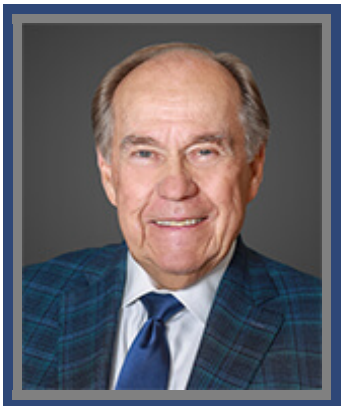

Hon. Frederick L. Link, Ret.

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Following 41 years of distinguished service on the bench, Judge Link has retired and is available to serve as a mediator, arbitrator, and private judge. As a judge for the Superior Court of San Diego County, he presided over hundreds of significant civil jury trials and for the last 10 years has almost exclusively handled civil settlements. Prior to the bench, Judge Link began his legal career with the San Diego County District Attorney's Office and then spent 12 years in private practice. His ability to unearth the core issues of a case, coupled with his unwavering goal towards resolution have procured him an impressive reputation for settlement. Judge Link received the President's Award for Outstanding Service and Dedication to Preserving the Right to Trial by Jury from the American Board of Trial Advocates, San Diego Chapter. He has also received the San Diego County Bar Association Outstanding Jurist award, the Channel 10 Community Leadership Award, and the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of San Diego School of Law.Judge Link's passion for the law and giving back to the community extends beyond the courtroom. He established Justice 101, a program that teaches students about the judicial system and the consequences of their actions. He is also a member of the Center for Justice & Accountability and serves on the Judicial Advisory Board for the Association of Business Trial Lawyers.Judge Link stated, "I have always felt that any case can be settled if all parties, including the neutral, come into the process with open and reasonable minds. For the last 22 years, I have handled hundreds of civil trials and settlements and I will bring my dedication and passion to the private sector."

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Neutral, Judicate West (2022-Present)
- Judge, Superior Court of San Diego County; Criminal, Appellate, Civil Trial, and Settlement Judge for over 300 settlement conferences (1990-2022)
- Judge, San Diego County Municipal Court (1981-1989)
- Sole Practitioner, Goldberg and Link; Specializing in criminal defense and civil (1970-1981)
- Deputy District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, San Diego (1969-1970)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., University of San Diego School of Law (1965-1968)
- B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara (1961-1965)
- Pepperdine University's Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution Program (2001)
- California Judges Association, Member (1981-Present)
- University of San Diego School of Law, Board of Visitors (1992-2000)
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers (ABTL), Judicial Advisory Board
- Wallace Inn of Court, Master (2010-2011)

PRACTICE AREAS

All Types of Personal Injury including Wrongful Death; Business/Commercial; Employment; Professional Malpractice; Real Estate

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- President's Award for Outstanding Service and Dedication to Preserving the Right to Trial by Jury, American Board of Trial Advocates, San Diego (2022)
- Outstanding Jurist, San Diego County Bar Association (2009)
- Community Leadership Award, Channel 10 (2000)
- Blue Knight Award, Crime Commission (1999)
- Distinguished Alumni Award, University of San Diego School of Law (1998)
- President's Award for Significant Contributions to the Legal System, Consumer Attorneys of San Diego (1998)
- Dedication to Advancement of Diversity Award, Earl Gilliam Bar Association
- Community Service Award, Wadie Deddeh
- Judge of the Year Award, Consumer Attorneys of San Diego (1982)

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Judge Link enjoys spending time with his family, fishing, playing golf, and is an avid reader.

LOCATIONS

San Diego, All of California