



Hon. Joel R. Wohlfeil, Ret.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

Judge Wohlfeil joins Judicate West after 19 years on the San Diego County Superior Court bench and more than four decades of combined legal experience. Appointed in 2007, he first served in the court’s Family Law Division for three years before spending the remainder of his judicial tenure in the Civil Division, where he presided over thousands of matters involving employment, real estate, insurance, business, personal injury, and emotionally charged disputes. Over the course of his judicial career, he conducted hundreds of settlement conferences and became known for his patient, thoughtful, and diligent approach to resolving disputes. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Wohlfeil spent 25 years in private practice and was a principal at Boudreau, Albert & Wohlfeil for 16 years. An accomplished trial lawyer, he was recognized by the Consumer Attorneys of San Diego with five Outstanding Trial Lawyer awards during his years in practice. As a neutral, Judge Wohlfeil is committed to working hard for every party, listening carefully, and helping litigants thoughtfully evaluate their cases to reach fair and lasting resolutions.

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Full-time Neutral, Judicate West (Present)
- Judge, San Diego County Superior Court (2007-2026); Family Law Division (2007-2010); Superior Court Appellate Panel (2010-2013); Independent Court Civil Division (2011-2026)
- Principal, Boudreau, Albert & Wohlfeil (1997-2007)
- Associate, Bauman & Wohlfeil (1991-1996)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., Thomas Jefferson School of Law - Formerly Western State University College of Law (1981)
- B.A., Northern Arizona University (1977)
- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) - San Diego Chapter, Member
- California Judges Association, Member
- American Judges Association, Member
- Consumer Attorneys of San Diego, Member
- National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Member
- Louis M. Welsh American Inn of Court, Member

PRACTICE AREAS

Business/Commercial; Employment including Wage and Hour; Insurance Coverage; Medical Negligence; Personal Injury including Wrongful Death and Sexual Misconduct; Product Liability; Real Estate

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- ‘Judge of the Year’ by Consumer Attorneys of San Diego (2013)
- Five-time ‘Outstanding Trial Lawyer’ distinctions by Consumer Attorneys of San Diego
- Authored a column for the San Diego County Bar Association
- Lectured at the 2016 State Bar convention as well as for multiple bar associations

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Outside of work, Judge Wohlfeil enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with his family and grandchildren.

LOCATIONS

San Diego, All of California