



Hon. Kendall J. Newman, Ret.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

Judge Newman joins Judicate West following 14 years of distinguished service to the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California. With over four decades of combined legal experience, he has conducted more than 1,500 settlement conferences from the bench and in private practice. During his appointment, he presided over a variety of civil matters, including civil rights, employment law, personal injury including wrongful death, medical negligence, and general business litigation in addition to serving as the Chief Magistrate Judge from 2021-2024. He previously spent six years with the U.S. Attorney's Office in San Diego and 15 years with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California, serving the last five years as Chief of the Civil Litigation Affirmative Section. Judge Newman comments on his approach to ADR, stating, "The key to mediation is persistence and optimism and the goal is always resolution. If the case can't be resolved that day, the mediation should at least be an informative session where the parties learn what the other side requires to settle the case. I always follow up if there is a glimmer of hope in getting the case resolved."

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Full-time Neutral, Judicate West (2024-Present)
- U.S. Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, Sacramento (2010-2024); Chief Magistrate Judge, (2021-2024)
- Mediator, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, Voluntary Dispute Resolution Program (1995-2010)
- Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California (1995-2010)-Defended a wide range of civil cases-Federal Tort Claims Act, employment, personal injury and wrongful death, medical malpractice, civil rights, environmental and land use and breach of contract; Chief of the Civil Litigation Affirmative Section (2005-2010)-Supervised cases involving civil rights, employment discrimination, breach of contract, False Claims Act/Qui Tam, environmental, asset forfeiture, civil fraud and enforcement
- Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office in San Diego (1990-1994)-Defended a wide range of civil cases
- Associate Attorney, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher (1984-1990)-Handled general civil business and securities litigation, employment cases, and some bankruptcy matters

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., College of William & Mary (1981-1984)
- B.S., Cornell University (1976-1980)
- Magistrate Judge Executive Board; Chair (2023-2024); Vice Chair (2021-2023)
- Ninth Circuit Pacific Islands Committee (2019-2024)
- Ninth Circuit ADR Committee (2011-2017)
- Federal Bar Association, Sacramento Chapter (1995-2024)
- Eastern District Judicial Advisory Committee (1995-2006, 2021-2024)
- Anthony M. Kennedy Inn of Court (1997-2000)
- Federal Magistrate Judges Association (1995-2024)
- Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference (1990-2024)
- Louis M. Welch Inn of Court (1989-1991)

PRACTICE AREAS

Business Litigation; Civil Rights; Complex Commercial Litigation; Employment; Environmental; False Claims Act/Qui Tam; Medical Negligence; Personal Injury including Wrongful Death

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Department of Justice Director's Award for Largest Settlement in History of Forest Service (2009)
- Special Commendations from U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (2007, 2010)
- Special Commendations from U.S. Forest Service (2007, 2009)
- San Diego City Council Commendation for outstanding service to the community (1995)
- United States Marine Corp Special Commendation (1994)
- Cornell University Outstanding Service Award (1994)

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Judge Newman and his wife have traveled extensively, domestically and internationally (favorite places are too many to list! But would certainly include Kenya, Italy, Bahrain, Sydney, Ireland, Poland, and Hungary). He also enjoys watching movies and playing tennis and golf.

LOCATIONS

Northern California, Nationwide