



Hon. Norman P. Tarle, Ret.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

For over 36 years, Judge Tarle served as a Municipal Court and Superior Court Commissioner, as well as a Superior Court Judge in Los Angeles County. Since 2004, Judge Tarle presided over civil direct calendar and trial courts in the West Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, and Santa Monica Courthouses. During this time, he handled hundreds of jury and bench trials involving personal injury, professional malpractice both medical and legal, breach of contract, real property, warranty of habitability, and landlord/tenant cases. In addition to his civil assignments, he also sat in criminal courts for half his career, presiding over nearly every type of criminal case imaginable, from drug possession to murder. Many of these cases, such as sexual assault in schools, assault and murder by government employees, and DUI collisions, have had their counterparts in civil lawsuits. While a Deputy City Attorney for the City of Los Angeles, he was one of the first to be assigned to the housing enforcement unit, which exposed him to slum housing and severe habitability cases. He also served in the Agency Prosecution Unit which involved sweatshop operations, wage and hour pay violations, business tax, and restaurant health and safety issues. Judge Tarle is particularly passionate about resolving these types of disputes from his "boots on the ground" work and experiencing the impact on our communities and government. He very much enjoys giving back to his judicial colleagues and the legal community. For decades, he has been involved with the Young Lawyers and Barristers sections of several bar associations, new judges' orientation through the Judicial Council, and moot courts in law schools. As a trial judge, he is known as an even-tempered, fair, and reasonable judge who treats everyone with respect and kindness.

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Full-time Neutral, Judicate West (2021-Present)
- Judge, Los Angeles County Superior Court (April 2001-April 2021)
- Commissioner, Los Angeles County Superior Court (1994-2001)
- Commissioner, Los Angeles Municipal Court (1985-1994)
- Deputy City Attorney, City of Los Angeles (1979-1985)
- Staff Attorney, Municipal Courts Planning and Research Unit (1976-1979)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Joint J.D./M.B.A., University of California, Los Angeles (1976)
- B.A., City College of New York (1972)
- Advanced Mediation Workshop, Boston Law Collaborative, LLC (2021)
- Straus Institute, Pepperdine School of Law, "Mediating the Litigated Case" (2020)
- National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada, Civil Mediation (2017)
- Santa Monica Bar Association, Member
- California Judges Association, Member
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Member

PRACTICE AREAS

Business/Contractual; Construction Defect; Personal Injury; Professional Negligence; Real Property including Landlord Tenant

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Tools for Successful Witness Examinations, Daily Journal (February 2022)
- Judges Must Guard Against Their Own PTSD, California Judges Association, co-authored with Judge Barbara Kronlund (March 2021)
- The Art Of Judging, The Advocate Magazine (July 2019)
- Order Out of Chaos: The Court in 2069, Gavel to Gavel, The LA Superior Court Magazine (Fall 2019)
- Judge of the Year Award, Los Angeles County Criminal Courts Bar Association (2005)

**HOBBIES &
INTERESTS**

Judge Tarle enjoys bike riding, spinning, hiking, and reading fiction.

LOCATIONS

Los Angeles, All of California