



Hon. Victor E. Bianchini, Ret.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

Judge Bianchini was appointed a Federal Magistrate Judge for The Southern District of California in 1974. After 8 1/2 years of service, he was appointed to the State Court Bench. He retired from the Superior Court in San Diego to pursue his passion for mediation as a full-time neutral in 2002. He was later recruited by the Federal Courts in New York as a settlement judge for complex civil litigation and prisoner civil rights matters. During his tenure on both the state and federal benches, Judge Bianchini mediated more than 3,500 cases ranging from simple to multi-issue complex matters. Among his settlements are many multi-million-dollar verdicts in complex cases ranging from patent cases to class actions. His experience on the bench with varying court rules, instructions, and jury verdicts have been assets to him in the private sector. Judge Bianchini is known to be an advocate for the settlement process while using a warm and caring approach. Many clients praise him for not giving up and truly exploring every avenue for possible settlement. One client said, "he is a wonderful person, knowledgeable, and an effective mediator."

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Neutral, Judicate West (2003-Present)
- U.S. Magistrate Judge North & Western Districts of New York (2007-2011)
- U.S. Magistrate Judge, Western District of New York (part-time) (2002-2007)
- Superior Court Judge, San Diego (1998-2002), County-wide Settlement Judge and IC Overflow Trial Judge
- Municipal Court Judge, El Cajon, California (1982-1998), Presiding Judge (1993, 1997 & 1998)
- U.S. Magistrate, Southern District of California (1974-1982)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- JD – University of San Diego
- BA – Political Science, San Diego State University (1960)
- Certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution, National Judicial College (2001); Extensive formal mediation training, Pepperdine University
- Senior Fulbright Scholar to Country of Eritrea, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Consultant to Minister of Justice (2002)
- Associate Professor, Legal Advisor, International Student Advisor, San Diego State University (1960)
- Naval Justice School (1970)

PRACTICE AREAS

Business/Commercial, Employment, Federal, Probate, Professional Malpractice, Real Estate, Tort

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Consumer Attorneys of San Diego Judge of the Year (2007)
- President's Award for Teaching Excellence in Evidence, Consumer Attorneys of San Diego (1992)

INTERESTS

Judge Bianchini and his wife travel frequently. He has two daughters from a previous marriage - one is in federal government law enforcement and the other a former film industry executive. His youngest daughter, from his second marriage, is an associate in an international employment law firm. Judge Bianchini enjoys volunteer work and is involved in many foundations, including the San Diego County Bar Association as a director. He is currently the Chairman of the Flying Leatherneck Historical Foundation. He is extensively involved in the sport of Sabre Fencing and was ranked 6th in the World in 2011, and was the U.S. National Champion in Veteran's Sabre Fencing - from 2012 to 2013. He is a two-time Gold Medalist, a Silver Medalist, and a Bronze Medalist in Team competition at the World Veterans Fencing Championships. Judge Bianchini has an extensive aviation background. In addition to his assignment with the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing in Vietnam as a helicopter crewmember, he is a commercial, single, and multi-engine instrument-rated pilot and a rated captain in the Cessna Citation (C-500) twin-engine business jet. He is also a rated commercial helicopter pilot and a long-term owner of a Beechcraft Bonanza. In his spare time, Judge Bianchini enjoys teaching, playing tennis and golf, playing the piano, and tinkering with his vintage BMW motorcycle with a sidecar.

LOCATIONS

San Diego, All of California