



Hon. Melissa R. McCormick, Judge

Superior Court of California, County of Orange

BIOGRAPHY OF Melissa R. McCormick

Appointed: July 16, 2015 by Governor Jerry Brown.

Judicial Assignments: Complex Civil panel (Sept. 2023–present); Unlimited Civil panel (Nov. 2017-Aug. 2023); Appellate Division (Jul. 2021-Jun. 2023, Presiding Judge of Appellate Division Jul. 2022-Jun. 2023); Temporary assignment to California Court of Appeal, Second District, Division Seven (Jan. 2021-Jul. 2021); Criminal panel (Aug. 2015-Oct. 2017).

Judicial Honors: Judge of the Year, Orange County Trial Lawyers Association (2021); George Francis Judicial Civility Award, American Board of Trial Advocates-Orange County (2021).

Prior Employment: Partner (2004-2015) and Associate (1997-2003), Irell & Manella LLP; Law Clerk to Hon. Emilio M. Garza, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1996-97); Law Clerk to Hon. Judith N. Keep, Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of California (1995-96).

Education: J.D., 1995, UCLA School of Law (Editor, UCLA Law Review); B.A., 1992, Stanford University (with Honors and University Distinction).