

Hon. Margaret Rita Anderson

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JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT, Orange County. Elevated to Superior Court August 10, 1998. Elected to Harbor Municipal Court (succeeding Judge Selim S. Franklin, retired) November 3, 1992 for term commencing January 4, 1993 (oath January 4, 1993.) Judge, Municipal Court, North Orange County Judicial District, Orange County, January 7, 1985 effective date) to January 4, 1993, elected (defeating Judge Robert L. Schatz) June 5, 1984, and reelected in 1990 (unopposed), Presiding Judge, 1988. Deputy Public Defender, Orange County, Santa ana, June 1978 to December 31, 1984. Served as law clerk in public defender's office in 1977 and 1976, and in district attorney's office in 1974-75; Secretary, Ford Motor Co., Newport Beach, CA, 1967-75. Executive Secretary, Industrial Electronics Engineers and Benson Lehner Corp., Van Nuys and North Hollywood, CA, 1963-65. Born April 12, 1933, New Castle, Pennsylvania; Widowed, Three Children. Admitted to California Bar and to U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, June 23, 1978.

Member: California Judges Association, 1985- ; National Association of Women Judges. Elected to Orange Coast Hall of Fame, 1989; and to Western State University Legal Hall of Fame in 1987.
Teaching/Lectures/Panelist: Faculty, Calif. Continuing Judicial Studies Program (CJSP) (CJER) 1986.
Teaching Assistant, Western State University College of Law, 1975-77 (Legal Research; Legal Methods; and Brief Writing.) Author: "To Carey and Back: Rights of the Meretricious Spouse in California," WSU Journal of Law (June 1976.) J.D. (December 1977, summa cum laude: first in class with highest grade point average in school's history), Western State University College of Law, Fullerton, CA. (Law Review Book Editor, Law Review staff -I Moot Court; Wall Street Journal Scholarship; 2 American Title Scholarships; 3 Corpus Juris Secundum Scholarships; and Foundation Press Award; B.S.L. (June 1975), Western State College, Fullerton; A.A. (1974), Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, CA. Attended Youngstown Univ, Youngstown, Ohio, 1950-52; Graduate (1950), New Castle High School, New Castle, Pennsylvania.

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