



Hon. Kim G. Dunning, Presiding Judge

Superior Court of California, County of Orange

Appointed: April 24, 1997 (succeeding Judge Jean H. Rheinheimer, retired) (oath May 12, 1997) by Governor Wilson. Elected 1998 (unopposed). Reelected 2004 (unopposed). Admitted to California Bar, 1978; Texas Bar, 1977; U.S. District Court, Central District of California, 1978; and U.S. Supreme Court, 1989. Presiding Judge, 2009-present.

Employment: Private practice Ramsay & Johnson (Irvine), 1996-97; senior research attorney for Associate Justice Thomas F. Crosby, Court of Appeal, 4th District, 1983-95; Deputy City Attorney, Santa Ana, California, 1982; private law practice, Murtaugh, Hatcher & Miller (Tustin), 1981; Morris, Polich & Purdy (Tustin and Los Angeles), 1978-1980.

Education: J.D. 1977 Southern Methodist University School of Law, Dallas, Texas; B.A., Economics, 1972, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California. Graduate of Inglewood High School, Inglewood, California.

Assignments: Assistant Presiding Judge, 2006-2008; Complex Civil Litigation Panel, 2005; Central Panel (criminal) and Family Law overflow, 2004; Unlimited Civil Panel, 2000-2003; Juvenile Panel (dependency and delinquency), 1997-2000.

Judicial Activities: Judicial Council Court Technology Advisory Committee, 2003-present, and Chair, Projects Sub-Committee, 2007-present; Commission for Impartial Courts, Judicial Selection and Retention Task Force, 2007-present; Personal Information Court Outsourcing Working Group, 2008-present; Executive Committee, Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee, 2009-present; CJER Judicial Technology Committee, 2002-2005; Faculty, CJER Computer Courses for Judges, 1998-present; Orange County Superior Court, Court Technology Committee, 1998-present (Chair, 2001-2005); Orange County Superior Court, Grand Jury Recruiting Committee, Chair, 2006-present; Constitutional Rights Foundation of O.C., Mock Trial Judge, 1999-present; Peer Court Judge (Foothill High School, Tustin), 1998-2005; Robert A. Banyard Inn of Court, 1997-present (President, 2005); Association of Business Trial Lawyers, 2003-present (Board of Directors, 2007-present).

Member: California Judges Association.