

## **JUDGE DAVID A. THOMPSON**

Judge Thompson was appointed to the bench by Governor Pete Wilson in 1997. He is currently the Assistant Presiding Judge of the Orange County Superior Court. He has presided over all types of civil and criminal matters, including general jurisdiction civil jury and court trials, motions and settlement conferences, felony and misdemeanor jury trials, arraignments and pleas, as well as drug treatment court.

Before taking the bench, Judge Thompson was an attorney with Morrison & Foerster in Irvine. He handled general civil litigation including contract, business tort, construction defect and major product liability cases as a member of the litigation group in 1996 and 1997. He was involved in all aspects of acquisitions, sales and development of real property as a member of the real estate group from 1988 until 1996.

Judge Thompson was a civil litigation attorney with Rutan & Tucker in Costa Mesa as a member of the trial department from 1983 until 1988. He had a varied general trial practice, handling contract and business tort cases, subsidence litigation, product liability defense and landlord tenant disputes. He also handled numerous writs and appeals.

Judge Thompson was a staff attorney for Associate Justice Edward J. Wallin of the California Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Three in 1983. He prepared draft opinions and performed research for Justice Wallin and other members of the Court of Appeal. He was also an extern with Justice Wallin (then sitting as a Judge of the Orange County Superior Court) in 1982.

Judge Thompson received his Juris Doctor from the University of California at Los Angeles (Order of the Coif) in 1983 and his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and Finance from Georgetown University (Summa Cum Laude) in 1980. He was born in Pasadena, California in 1956 and was raised in Orange County.