Hon. Kirk H. Nakamura, Judge

Superior Court of California, County of Orange

BIOGRAPHY OF KIRK H. NAKAMURA

Employment History:

- Shield and Smith (Los Angeles, CA) Associate - (August 1980 to June 1985)
  Beam, DiCaro, et. al. and successors firms (Santa Ana, CA): Associate/Partner (June 1985 to November 2001)
- My litigation experience (19 years) included all aspects of civil litigation including, but not limited to complex multiple party construction cases,
  pleading, law and motion, discovery, court and jury trials and appellate work..
- City of Yorba Linda Planning Commissioner (May 2000 to October 2001)
- State of California, Superior Court Judge (November 9, 2001 to present)

Education Background: J.D. (1980), Duke University School of Law; University of California, Irvine, B.S. Biological Science (1977) Chancellor's Scholar**;** Admitted to the California State Bar December, 1980.

Assignments: West Justice Center (2001-2004) - Open trial court (criminal misdemeanor trials and preliminary hearings; small claims hearings); Limited Jurisdiction Civil Court; Master Calendar; Central Justice Center (2004 to present) – Limited and Unlimited Civil Trial Court; Chair, Temporary Judge Committee (2006 to 2009);Member, Grand Jury Selection Committee (2001 to present); Member, ADR Committee (2007 to present);Jury Orientation Committee (2003 to present); Elected to Orange County Superior Court Executive Committee (2009); Elected by the Judges of the Orange County Superior Court as Assistant Presiding Judge for the term January 22, 2016 to December 31, 2017.

Organizations: Former President, Orange County Japanese American Lawyers Association 1998-1999); Former President, Orange County Asian American Bar Association (1999-2000); Former Board of Director, Orange County Bar Association (1996 to 2001); Chair, Bias Grievance Subcommittee (1997-2001); Co-Chair, ADR Committee (1998); Warren J. Ferguson Inn of Court (2000); William P. Gray/Lex Legion Inn of Court (Board Member; 2001-present); Duke Alumni Interview Advisory Committee (1991-2001).

Awards: Recipient, Orange County Asian American Bar Association Outstanding Service Award (2008).

Teaching/Speaking Experience: Keynote Speaker, Orange County Japanese American Lawyers Association (February, 2002); Adjunct Professor, Chapman Law School teaching Construction Law (2004); Temporary Judge Training, Elimination of Bias, Bench Demeanor (2007); I have supervised over 20 law school interns over the course of my judicial career; in 2009 seven of my former interns passed the California bar examination; I have spoken on numerous occasions on topics ranging from Law and Motion practice to the implementation of the court's new Mediation program; I have presided over numerous mock trials for high school (CRF-OC), college and law students.