Hon. Nathan Scott

Judge, Orange County Superior Court

Nate Scott hears civil cases, bringing an appellate perspective to his courtroom. He presided over the Appellate Division from 2019 to 2022. He served as a staff attorney for the California Court of Appeal from 2005 to 2012.

Judge Scott co-chairs the OCBA Civility Task Force and quotes its Civility Guidelines with every tentative ruling.

Mentoring, community outreach, and service to the legal community are important to Judge Scott.

Justice System

- California Judicial Mentoring Program mentor, 2023 to present
- California Latinx Judges Association mentor, 2024 to present
- Civility Task Force co-chair, Orange County Bar Association, 2023 to present
- Appellate Practice Curriculum Committee, Judicial Council, 2021-2023
- CJA/CLA Remote Hearing Task Force, 2021
- *Navigating the Judicial Appointment Process,* Hispanic Bar Association-OC, 2015

New Lawyers and Law Students

- Hispanic Bar Association law student mentor, 2023-2024
- Orange County Superior Court extern supervisor, 2015 to present
- ABTL-OC Young Lawyers Division, 2022, 2018
- UCI Law School Moot Court, 2019
- OCBA Bridging the Gap program, 10 times between 2007-2019
- Chapman Law School Admission Ceremony, 2016
- UCI School of Law Appellate Advocacy guest lecturer, 2015, 2011
- Chapman Law School Minority Law Students' Association, 2014
- Whittier Law School Appellate Advocacy guest lecturer, 2013

K-12 Students

- All Rise High School Summer Program, 2024
- Judges in the Classroom, Cypress High School, 2023
- Constitution Day/CRF-OC, Cypress High School, 2022
- Judges in the Classroom, Los Amigos High School, 2021
- Saturday Academy of Law, 2020-2023, 2017
- Elizabeth G. Macias Legal Studies Academy, Santa Ana High School, 2019
- California Judges Foundation Essay Competition, 2019-2020
- Law Day, NAACP-Long Beach, 2019
- Cub Scout Pack 78, 2018
- Longfellow Elementary School Career Day, 2017
- Appellate Court Experience, Santa Margarita Catholic High School, 2012

Community Groups

- Leadership Academy, Orange County Superior Court, 2023
- Second Harvest Food Bank, 2023, 2017, 2012-2015
- KidsFirst, 2016
- Volunteers and the Law, Public Law Center & OneOC, 2009-2012

EXPERIENCE

Judge, Orange County Superior Court, 2012 to present

- Civil panel, 2016 to present
- Appellate division, 2018-2022, presiding judge, 2019-2022
- Family Law panel, 2013-2016
- West Court panel, 2012-2013

Senior Attorney, Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division 3, 2005-2012
Associate, Kirkland & Ellis LLP and Cox Castle & Nicholson LLP, 1999-2004

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, J.D., 1999
University of California, Los Angeles, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1995

SPEAKING & WRITING

50+ presentations and over a dozen published articles, including:
Winning Cases with Ethics and Civility, Hispanic Bar Association-OC
Civility: How to Be Both Effective and Civil, ABTL Annual Seminar, 2021
Science and Judicial Decision-Making, OC Lawyer, Sep. 2021
Communicating with Clarity and Civility, ABTL Young Lawyers Division, Dec. 12, 2018
Protecting Your Record on Appeal, OCBA Family Law section, Oct. 2016
Appellate Advocacy guest lecture*,* UCI Law School, Mar. 2015 & Aug. 2011
Appellate Advocacy guest lecture*,* Whittier Law School, Oct. 15, 2012
California Supreme Court Update, Hispanic Bar Association OC, May 2012
Inside the Appellate Courts, Cal. State Bar Annual Meeting, Sep. 2011
Winning Appeals from Start to Finish, Pincus CLE, Nov. 2011

AFFILIATIONS

Hispanic Bar Association-OC
California Latinx Judges Association
Orange County Association of Affinity Judicial Officers
Association of Business Trial Lawyers-OC

- Judicial Advisory Committee, 2018-2020 & 2024 to present
- Board of Governors, 2020 to 2022

AWARDS

Judge of the Year, Association of Business Trial Advocates-OC, 2024
Judge of the Year, Hispanic Bar Association-OC, 2019
Judge of the Year, OC Trial Lawyers Association, 2019
Lifetime Service award*,* OCBA Appellate Law Section, 2014