



HON. JOE W. HILBERMAN
Judge of the Superior Court (Ret.)

AWARDS

- 2009 **Top Neutrals of 2009**, Los Angeles Daily Journal
2008 **Jurist of the Year**, American Board of Trial Advocates, Los Angeles Chapter

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

- 2001 – 2009 **Judge of the Superior Court, Los Angeles**
Unlimited civil independent calendar trial court
Family Law trial court - Long cause trials, domestic violence, spousal and child support, child custody
Limited jurisdiction civil trial court
Misdemeanor trial court

EDUCATION

- 2008 **Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine**, Specialized Mediation
1996 **Mediation Training, UCLA Extension Dept. of Business and Management**
1973 **JD, University of California, Los Angeles School of Law**
1970 **AB, University of California, Los Angeles**
Judge Hilberman also has education and experience in the home inspection industry.

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

- 1996 – 2001 **Fonda Hilberman & Fraser**, Founding Partner
Civil litigation and mediation, including professional and personal liability, insurance coverage, and risk management issues on behalf of insurance carriers, self-insured businesses, universities and healthcare providers, mediator.
1984 – 1996 **Fonda Garrard Hilberman & Davis**, Senior Partner
Tort, professional liability and insurance coverage litigation and risk management.
1981 – 1984 **Levinson & Lieberman**, Partner
General civil practice, specialization in litigation.
1973 – 1981 **Shield & Smith**, Partner
General civil practice; specialization in litigation. Special expertise in products liability, negligence law and professional liability.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS

- **American Board of Trial Advocates**, 1990-present.
 - Member, Board of Trustees, Los Angeles Chapter, 2003-present.
 - Secretary, 2005-2008.
 - Standing Committee on Professional Civility, 2005-present. (Chair, 2005-2006)
- **UCLA School of Law Alumni Association**, 1973-present.
 - Board of Directors, 2005-present; President-elect 2008-2009; President 2009-2010.
- **UCLA School of Law Mentor Program**, 2000-present.
- **Association of Trial Lawyers of America**, Judicial Fellow, February 2006.
- **Los Angeles County Bar Association**, Litigation Section Exec. Committee, 2006-2009.
- **Santa Monica Bar Association**, Board of Trustees, 2006-2008.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **UCLA School of Law**, Adjunct Professor of Law, 2009
- **Guest lecturer, Pepperdine Law School**, Trial Advocacy, February 2007
- **Faculty, Los Angeles Superior Court Judicial Education Seminar**, “Civil Case Management,” February 2007
- **Administrative Office of the Courts, New Judge Orientation**, “Judicial Ethics,” February 2007
- **Guest lecturer, UCLA** “Issues of Domestic Violence in a Family Law Court,” "Sex and the Law," November 2006
- **Loyola Law School, Adjunct Professor of Law**, “Family Law,” Spring 2005, Fall 2005 & Fall 2006
- **Faculty, 2006 Cow County Judges Institute**, “Discovery, Law and Motion, and Sanctions,” AOC Center for Judicial Education and Research, May 2006
- **Los Angeles Superior Court, Settlement Skills Education Committee**, Instructor, 2005
- **Loyola Law School Legal Writing Program**, Judge, 1998-2000
- **The Jack Daniels Los Angeles ABOTA Chapter Trial School**, Faculty, August 2003

PUBLICATIONS

- **“Video Depositions At Trial,”** *Advocate Magazine* (CAALA), January 2008
- **“Tech Savvy,”** *Verdict Magazine* (ASCDC), Fourth Quarter 2007

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS (PARTIAL LIST)

- **Panelist, “Civility in Litigation,”** CAALA Las Vegas Seminar, August 2009
- **Panelist, “Civility from the Trench to the Bench: Does it Really Matter?”** UCLA School of Law, March 2009
- **“Local Rules and Civility,”** Association of Southern California Defense Counsel, March 2009
- **“Use of Judicial Referees,”** Rutter, Hobbs & Davidoff, Century City, February 2009
- **“Common Courtroom Mistakes,”** Gibbs Biden et al, December 2008
- **Speaker, “Courtroom Etiquette,”** Southwestern Law School, October 2008
- **Panelist, “Automobile Litigation,”** CAALA Las Vegas Seminar, August 2005, 2006, 2008
- **Panelist, “Candid Comments,”** LACBA Litigation Section, June 2008
- **Panelist, “Annual Trial Lawyer Skills for the New Attorney,”** CAALA, March 2008
- **Panelist, LACBA Litigation Section “Brown Bag Lunch” series,** May & November 2007
- **Presiding Judge, Masters in Trial Program, ABOTA,** Universal City, June 2007
- **Moderator, Civil Bench Seminar, “Developments in Contracts,”** February 2007
- **Speaker, Santa Monica Bar Association Family Law Section,** April 2006
- **Panelist, LACBA Family Law Section, “Your Attorney’s Fees Are How Much?”** April 2006
- **Panelist, LACBA Family Law Section, “Buzz Words Revisited—An Essential Family Law Glossary,”** February 2006
- **Panelist, LACBA Family Law Symposium, “Enforcement and Defenses,”** May 2005
- **Speaker, Santa Monica Bar Association Family Law Section,** September 2004