

Justice, California State Court of Appeal; District 6

Conrad Rushing – Presiding Justice

Conrad Rushing: Do not recommend

Judicial Index Average: 6

Activist - Constructionist Rating: Activist 6; Constructionist 4

Qualifications Rating: 8

Background

73 years old

Married; his wife Elaine is a Sonoma County Superior Court Judge

Qualifications

2002 – 2010 – California Sixth District Court of Appeal (8)

1978 – 2002 – Superior Court Judge, Santa Clara County (22)

BA, San Jose State University (6)

LLB, Boalt University School of Law (9)

Judicial Philosophy

Is a Democrat (2)

Appointed to Sixth District Court of Appeal in 2002 by Gray Davis (1)

Appointed by Jerry Brown to Santa Clara Superior Court in 1978 (1)

To favor no one, not rich, not poor, powerful or weak (7)

To improve the courts for the benefit of the people (6)

In 1987, Rushing ruled that the NCAA's mandatory drug testing plan, implemented in 1986 for postseason competition – was an unconstitutional invasion of privacy.

Rushing said he would allow limited testing in football and men's basketball, because those two sports accounted for all 34 positives (out of 34,511 tested). "The paradox of this testing program is that an accused criminal of the most serious crimes is afforded more rights than athletic heroes", Rushing wrote in his opinion. (3)

In 2010, Rushing endorsed Jamie Ellen Thistlewaite for Sonoma County Superior Court Judge. Thistlewaite was also endorsed by the Sonoma County Democratic

Party, State Senator Mark Leno, and the Progressive Democrats of Sonoma County
(1)

Endorsed Susan Bernardini for Santa Clara Superior Court Judge in 2000. Bernardini was also endorsed by liberal politicians Zoe Lofgren and Mike Honda, and by BAYMEC (supportive of politicians who are supportive of the LGBT community) (1)