

Judge; Superior Court; County of Los Angeles; Office 28

Randy Hammock:

Judicial Index Average: 5

Activist-Constructionist Rating: 5

Qualifications Rating: 6

Background

51 years old

Married with 18-year-old son

Has lived in Los Angeles since 1985

Currently lives in Rancho Park area

Fluent in American Sign Language

Plays Bridge, Golf, and Basketball

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) in the Dependency Court

Pro bono legal work for National Coalition of Motorcyclists

Qualifications

Superior Court Referee

1998-1999 – Volunteer Temporary Judge for the Los Angeles Municipal Court

2000-2007 – Volunteer Temporary Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court

2007 – Present – Superior Court Referee in Los Angeles Superior Court – Hearing and deciding cases involving severe physical, emotional, and/or sexual abuse of children by parents

Since 2007 he says that he has been essentially doing the day to day job as a judge in his capacity as a Superior Court Referee and says that moreover he is currently assigned for all purposes to this particular seat. Serves on a daily basis in covering for Superior Court Judge Emily Stevens, who is on a leave of absence and might not return to the bench before her term expires in January

Says he is dedicated, hard-working, reasonable, and fair

Described by Metropolitan News as having a triple-type A personality and that he may come across as too strong for the likes of some.

Member, California Judges Association and National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Rated Well Qualified by Los Angeles County Bar in 2006 and Qualified by Los Angeles County Bar in 2010

Extensive Jury Trial Experience; Member of American Board of Trial Advocates

Admitted to Practice Law in California over 25 years

Admitted to Practice law in 15 states and 20 Federal District Courts

Rated Qualified by Los Angeles County Bar

Considerable Community Service to Charter Schools and Abused Children

Bachelors, San Diego State University, 1980

JD, University of San Diego School of Law, 1983

Judicial Philosophy

Priorities:

1. Law and Order. Protecting the rights of victims, and jurors as well as the accused
2. Judicial decisions which are fair, just, and reasonable
3. Treating everyone with courtesy and respect

Believes in law and order in our society

Persons convicted of serious crimes should do serious time

Must never fail to recognize that everyone is entitled to a fair trial and to retain fundamental rights. These rights must be carefully balanced against the rights of victims, witnesses, and even the jurors who decide the cases

Believes people simply want to be heard and want their day in court

People are willing to accept the decisions a judge makes if they believe that the judge has actually listened to them and actually understood their position

Says he has an extremely broad and extensive knowledge of the law and a great understanding of court procedure and the rules of evidence

Running to continue his service in the Dependency Court in protecting children from abuse, and assisting the parents and families in resolving those issues

Endorsed by:

Sheriff Lee Baca, Los Angeles County
District Attorney Steve Cooley, Los Angeles County
Los Angeles Times
Republican Party of LA County
LA Conservatives Alliance

41 judges, commissioners, and referees, including liberal judges James K Hahn, Cynthia Loo, Patricia Nieto, and Zeke Ziedler (homosexual)

Janice Hahn – Councilwoman, City of Los Angeles – Also contributed to:
Gilbert Cedillo (D-CA) and Richard Gephardt for President. Cedillo voted:
YES on Recognizing Out of State Same Sex Marriages
YES on Harvey Milk Day
YES on Statement of Opposition to Proposition 8
Rated 100 by Planned Parenthood and 0 by Capita Resource Institute

Mexican American Bar Association

Gardena Valley Democratic Club

Elizabeth Moreno:
Judicial Index Average: 6
Activist-Constructionist Rating: 4
Qualifications Rating: 8

Background

Lives in Mar Vista

Is an Arbitrator and Mediator

Community Service Recognition, City of Los Angeles

Has served on the St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church leadership council for five years, during which she was president for two years

Currently serves on the Board of the Los Angeles Catholic Lawyers Association whose purpose is to provide pro bono opportunities for its members

Qualifications

Civil and criminal trial attorney for 25 years

2004-2010 – Owns Law Firm of Elizabeth A. Moreno, A Professional Corporation

Has presided over 200 arbitrations and hearings – Arbitrates cases involving contract issues including health insurance charges, automobile lemon law, construction, employment, securities fraud and financial contract disputes

Has presided as mediator in over 300 cases

1994 – Present – Small Claims Judge Pro Tem

Previously was in the private sector with civil litigation law firms

As a trial attorney – Has tried an enormous number of cases involving complex litigation, class actions, real estate, construction defects/mold, discrimination, wrongful termination, employment contracts, wage and hour violation, personal injury, medical malpractice, conservatorships for developmentally disabled, insurance, bad faith and business litigation

For five years she was an expert on insurance issues

Describes herself as conscientious, attentive to detail, thorough in research, appropriately forceful but pleasant, ethical and passionate about issues of fairness and access to justice.

Appointed to California State Bar Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee for 3-year term – Is Chair of the Inclusivity Diversity Subcommittee

Straus Institute, Pepperdine Law School, Advanced Mediation Training

Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Leadership – Beverly Hills Law Association

Member of Hispanic National Bar Association and Mexican American Bar Association

Rated Qualified by LA County Bar

JD, Loyola Law School

BA, Cum Laude, California State University, Fresno

Judicial Philosophy:

Priorities:

1. That everyone has access to the legal system and to give all an equal opportunity to be heard
2. That justice is served
3. Diligently serve the people of Los Angeles County, ethically and professionally

Wants to make sure that criminals are prosecuted and serve their time

Writes regarding legal issues, elimination of bias, and access to justice. Articles have been published in Los Angeles Daily Journal, Beverly Hills Bar Association Newsletter, and Just Resolution Newsletter

Has been a speaker on elimination of bias issues

Says she is running because as the only woman candidate with criminal and trial experience, she would bring diversity to the bench, bring a broader perspective, and ensure fairness to all.

Endorsements:

Honorable Gregory O'Brien (ret) – Also contributed to Harry Scolinos (pro-life) (R-CA) for Congress – 3 times

Rupert Byrd, Esq. – Past President of Langston Bar Association (oldest African-American Bar Association in CA)

Elizabeth B. Sandza, Esq., - Partner of Dewey and LeBoeuff LLP – Also contributed to Hillary Clinton for President

Two retired judges

43 private attorneys

Edward J. Nison:

Judicial Index Average: 7

Activist-Constructionist Rating: 6

Qualifications Rating: 7

Background

Married

Criminal Homicide Prosecutor

Qualifications

Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles County for over 24 years

Presently assigned to the Van Nuys branch where he functions in a dual role as a Special Trials Deputy and a Calendar Deputy – As a Special Trials Deputy, he carries a case load of priority cases, which are primarily homicides. As a calendar, he is responsible for handling the prosecution of cases assigned to his courtroom.

Prosecuted gang homicides for 8.5 years

Prosecuted criminal violations of environmental and workplace safety laws for 4 years

Responsible for legal training of prosecutors and police officers for 6 years on Constitutional Law throughout the United States and how to effectively investigate and prosecute crimes

Prosecuted over 100 homicide cases and has tried over 30 homicide jury trials

Helped pass laws to make work places safer
Rated Qualified by Los Angeles County Bar

His temper led to his being found in contempt of court once, several years back. Was fined \$200 for continuing to argue after a judge overruled a strenuous objection during cross examination. Nison says he meant no disrespect and that it was only one such incident in 25 years

BA, Indiana University

JD, University of California at Berkeley, Hastings School of Law, 1985

Judicial Philosophy

Priorities:

1. Protect society from violent predators and treat victims in a respectful manner
2. Always serve the public, and act with honesty, integrity, and fairness
3. Prevent youthful offenders from becoming violent predators

Says criminal justice system needs to do a better job of identifying at risk youth and provide intervention before they become violent criminals

Believes that prosecuting serious and violent crimes has given him a perspective on how the system can prevent minor offenders from graduating to violent criminals

Says he understands how violent crimes impact victims and their families

Courts need to treat victims of crime with greater respect

Has always stressed that prosecutors and law enforcement must act with the highest level of integrity

Will ensure that the judicial system treats everyone in a fair and evenhanded manner

Judges must act in a manner that instills the public's confidence in the judicial system

Judge's decision must be made on the merits of the case and not some personal agenda

In the past, he has criticized the strategy of hiring a professional consultant and spending liberally on slate mailers, but says he may rethink that strategy if he makes a runoff.

Endorsed by:

Los Angeles District Attorney Steve Cooley

The Association of Deputy District Attorneys, Los Angeles

Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs

35 Los Angeles Superior Court Judges including Michael Jesic, Judith L. Meyers, Michael O’Gara, and Thomas Rubinson

Collene Campbell, Founder, Memory of Victims Everywhere

Mark K. Ameli:

Judicial Index Average: 4

Activist-Constructionist Rating: 3

Qualifications Rating: 6

Background

Lives in Beverly Hills

Is an Arbitrator/Mediator, Litigator

Leadership positions in Rotary and Southern California Mediation Association

Would be the first Iranian American on the Los Angeles Superior Court – Large scale fundraising is taking place for him, particularly in the Iranian community. Spending might reach \$500,000

Qualifications

Litigator for 30 years

Arbitrator and Mediator for past 15 years – Practices cross cultural mediation, particularly but not exclusively, among persons of Middle Eastern cultures.

Temporary Judge – Los Angeles Superior Court for past 15 years

Recipient of Certificate of Appreciation from the Los Angeles Superior Court Alternative Dispute Resolution and Temporary Judge Program

Author of “A Primer on Cross Cultural Dispute Resolution” used by Los Angeles Superior Court for ADR Training

Community Service in prevention of gang violence

Describes himself as decisive, fair, impartial, compassionate, and free from bias

Rated Qualified by Los Angeles County Bar Association

Admitted to Practice in 1980

BA, Economics, UC Berkeley

MA, Economics, USC

JD, University of West Los Angeles

Judicial Philosophy

Priorities

1. Administration of justice in the courtroom – fairness, impartiality, and freedom from bias in court. Compassion to the victims
2. Courtesy to the jurors and respect for their time
3. Protection of the Constitution

Says as a judge he will receive a cut in pay. But he says it is his way of serving the community and the country that has given so much to him

Ameli has contributed to:

John F. Kerry (D) twice – Rated 14 by National Right to Life and 0 by American Family Association

Henry Waxman (D-CA) – Rated 0 by National Right to Life and 0 by American Family Association

Brad Sherman (D-CA) – Rated 0 by National Right to Life and 0 by American Family Association

Endorsed by:

Sheriff Lee Baca

Congressman Henry Waxman

Metropolitan News

Mike Feuer (D), Member of California State Assembly
Voted YES on Recognizing Out of State Same Sex Marriages
Voted YES on Harvey Milk Day
Voted YES on Statement of Opposition to Prop 8
Rated 100 by Planned Parenthood
Rated 100 by Equality California

Isadore Hall (D), Member of California State Assembly
Voted YES on Recognizing Out of State Same Sex Marriages
Voted YES on Harvey Milk Day
Voted YES on Statement of Opposition to Prop 8
Rated 100 by Planned Parenthood
Rated 100 by Equality California

2 labor unions

C. Edward Mack:
Judicial Index Average: 5
Activist-Constructionist Rating: 3
Qualifications Rating: 7

Background

Criminal Trial Attorney

Is a Chemist

Vietnam Era War Veteran, Air Force – Served as Airman First Class and spent two tours of duty in Southeast Asia

Qualifications

20 years criminal experience as a Los Angeles County Public Defender

5 years civil experience as Judicial Law Clerk

Experience in handling large volume of cases

Tried more than 120 jury trials, including 15 life cases, 38 strike and serious or violent felony trials

Handled many complex cases including murder, kidnapping, car-jacking, child molestation, armed robbery, gang crimes, drug sales and possession

Rated Qualified by Los Angeles County Bar

Admitted to California State Bar in 1981

Judicial Philosophy

Priorities:

1. Provide justice to all litigants, no matter what background and to run his courtroom with expediency and dignity, exemplifying efficiency
2. Establish a mental health court/diversion program
3. Establish a juvenile court. Early prevention/parental intervention program to stop gang killings, violence, and other gang crimes

Will run his court with expediency and dignity while interpreting the law, weighing equities, and listening to both sides

Endorsements

New Frontier Democratic Club

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Patricia Titus – Also contributed to Barack Obama

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Mark Windham – Also contributed to Marcy Winograd (D-CA) for Congress. Winograd is pro-abortion and supports same-sex marriage

Kim Smith:

Judicial Index Average: 7

Activist-Constructionist Rating: 7

Qualifications Rating: 6

Background

Grew up in Rolling Hills

Ex-college football player

Former Lieutenant Colonel, US Marine Corps

Decorated War Veteran – Served in combat during the Gulf War

Qualifications

City Prosecutor – Hawthorne, CA

Deputy District Attorney – Los Angeles County

30 years experience at all levels of the criminal justice system

20 years prosecutorial experience

120 criminal jury trials

Experienced in arson, 3-strikes, gang, and multiple jury trials

Says he has a reputation for fairness among judges, police officers, and the criminal defense bar

Former Sergeant Los Angeles Sheriffs Department

Rated Not Qualified by Los Angeles County Bar

JD, Southwestern University of Law

Masters Degree, Public Administration, USC

BA, Occidental College

Judicial Philosophy

Priorities

1. Speedy and efficient calendar management
2. Fair adjudication for all parties
3. Maintain high ethical standards in all proceedings

Described by friends as politically conservative, fiercely patriotic, extremely intense, and very self-assured

Political views stand well to the right, but will listen to both sides and follow legal and equitable arguments

Would be a no-nonsense judge

Endorsed by:

Steve Cooley – District Attorney, Los Angeles County

Mike Webb, City Attorney, Redondo Beach – He also contributed to Bill Jones (R-CA) for Senate in 2006

Mark Arnold, Superior Court, Torrance Branch

