



Arbitration & Mediation Services

Hon. Sherrill A. Ellsworth, Ret.



Judge Sherrill A. Ellsworth is the Past Presiding Judge of Riverside County, California, a Judicial Educator and former Family Law Judge. After 20 years on the bench and more than 30 years in the field, she has earned a reputation for being a straightforward, no-nonsense, fair judicial officer. A broadly talented jurist and settlement expert, Judge Ellsworth has effectively handled complex civil litigation cases, family law, felony criminal trials, probate and general trials throughout her 25 years of lawyering and judging.

Judge Ellsworth was one of the court's most respected and admired bench officers, earning the trust and revere of her colleagues and the lawyers who appeared before her. She was appointed as a voting member of California State's Judicial Council in 2013.

She is the recipient of many Judicial leadership Awards including but, not limited to; the American Business Women's Association Woman of the Year for Judicial Leadership, J Rueben Clark Legal Society Attorney of the Year Los Angeles Chapter, the Doug E Weathers Judicial Excellence Award, Riverside County Family Law Leadership Award, Western State University Hall of Fame and many others.

Judge Ellsworth was appointed vice-chair of the California Court Case Management System Justice Partner Advisory Committee in 2010. She was a member of the Strategic Evaluation Committee appointed by California's Chief Justice, California's Trial Court Budget Working Group, Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee, Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, and Task Force on Self-Represented Litigants as well as multiple task forces, working groups and think tanks for the improvement of Court Efficiencies, Access to Justice, Family Law, Domestic Violence and Self Represented Litigants. She has served as faculty for over 20 years for the National Judicial College, the National Council for Family and Juvenile Court Judges as well, as California Judicial Education and Research (CJER) and is an expert in domestic violence, family law, and complex custody issues.

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