



**Judge Nancy Wieben Stock (Ret.)**

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Judge Stock serves as a mediator, arbitrator and private judge with JAMS. During her 24 years on the Superior Court of Orange County she served the Family Law Panel on a number of occasions, including as Supervising Judge of the Family Panel. As a family law judge she decided many cases of first impression, including one of California's first "biological surrogacy" cases. In 2006-2009, as Presiding Judge, she ensured that additional judicial resources were added to the family law panel, and led the effort to convert family law court rooms to direct calendars for more effective case management. She formed the first-ever Superior Family Violence Coordination Committee, tying together a coordinated effort in criminal, juvenile and family court matters. During this period she also achieved full funding for the replication of a model dedicated domestic violence criminal court in each of the courthouses in Orange County. She also paved the way for a unique video appearance link between the Anaheim Family Justice Center and the Superior Court's dedicated Domestic Violence Court in family law, affording victims the opportunity to remain in an offsite supportive environment during the restraining order process.

She has taught for the California Center for Judicial Education & Research and was on the faculty team for the intensive one-week course taken by the State's newest family law judges as they entered the assignment. She has taught at the Family Law Institute on such subjects as high technology, parent move-aways, courtroom security and the changing legal roles of parents. She has taught the Family Law Update for the Rutter Group. She has also lectured for the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and ACFLS, most recently on Electronically Stored Information [ESI] for Family Lawyers; and Fiduciary Duties between Marital Partners. She was a contributor to the first-ever *California Family Law Bench Manual* for judicial officers in the State of California, published in 1994. She was appointed by the Chief Justice to serve a three-year term on the State's Judicial Council Advisory Subcommittee on Family & Juvenile Law. During her term she helped craft the family court reform proposal, "Family Law 2000." Her primary contribution, the chapter on direct calendar management of family law cases. Later she was appointed by the Chief Justice to serve on the Elkins Family Law Task Force, and subsequently, on the implementation team for the Elkins Family Law Task Force.

For her work in family law she has been recognized by the Orange County Bar Association Family Law Section as its “Judge of the Year,” and was awarded the “Distinguished Jurist Award” by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Orange County Chapter. She has also been recognized as “Judge of the Year” by the American Board of Trial Advocates and has received the “Excellence in Advocacy” award from the American College of Trial Lawyers. In 2007 she received a lifetime achievement award, as the recipient of the Franklin G. West award conferred by the Orange County Bar Association. In 2016 she was honored with the inaugural Robert J. Cohen Lifetime Achievement Award given by the Legal Aid Society of Orange County.

Earlier in her career, as a federal prosecutor, Judge Stock handled a number of interstate stranger-abduction kidnaping cases and was recognized by the National Center for Missing & Abused Children. Judge Stock graduated with a B.A. degree in Political Science from the University of California, Davis in 1973 and followed with a law degree in 1976 from the Martin Luther King Jr. School of Law, at the University of California, Davis.