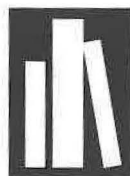


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JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT, Marin County

Appointment/Election: Appointed by Governor Davis to a term commencing in Feb. 2000 (oath Feb. 22, 2000).

Past Employment: Partner, Lewis, D'Amato, Brisbois & Bisgaard, San Francisco, 1999-2000; Partner, McGlynn, McLong & Ritchie, San Francisco, 1986-99; Partner, Henning, Walsh & Ritchie, San Francisco, 1978-86; Associate, Bledsoe, Smith, Cathcart, Boyd & Eliot, San Francisco, 1973-78.

Military Experience: Served from Ensign to Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy (6 years); air medals, commendation medals, Vietnam Service Medal.

Teaching/Lectures/Panelist: Instructor, Hastings College of the Law (legal research & writing), San Francisco, 1979-81.

Education: J.D. (1972), Hastings College of the Law; B.S. (1963), Purdue University.

Personal: Born Sept. 16, 1941; Chicago, Illinois; Married. Two children.

Admission: Admitted to Calif. Bar Jan. 1973; U.S. Supreme Court, 1980; U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit; U.S. District Court, Northern and Central Districts of Calif.

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ATTORNEYS' COMMENTS

Temperament/Demeanor

Interviewees said they like Judge Ritchie's courtroom demeanor. They said, "He's friendly, pleasant and very likeable," "It's professional," "Calm," and "He's businesslike and somewhat reserved."

Intelligence/Knowledge

Nearly every lawyer said Judge Ritchie's legal knowledge is "average" compared to that of his peers. One attorney gave him higher marks and said, "It's above average."

On Motions

Most of the interviewees said they appreciate Judge Ritchie's courtroom management style. They said, "It's flexible," "It's relaxed," "It's flexible and somewhat relaxed," "It's efficient" and "It's careful." One lawyer offered a different point of view and said, "It's somewhat formal." Attorneys said Judge Ritchie interacts in a courteous manner with everyone who appears in his courtroom. As one lawyer put it, "He's very polite." Interviewees also agreed that this judge usually takes the bench on time. Only one attorney dissented and said, "Not always."

Courtroom atmosphere

Most of the interviewees said Judge Ritchie's courtroom atmosphere is acceptable. Their comments included, "It's professional and comfortable," "It's comfortable" and "It's professional." However, one lawyer disagreed with the majority and opined, "It's extremely tense due to the district attorneys who are in there."

On Trial

Almost all of the attorneys said Judge Ritchie listens closely to their arguments and keeps an open mind. Only two of them offered contrary opinions and said, "I can't always tell [if he's listening closely]" and "No, [he doesn't keep an open mind]. He's become too brow-beaten by the probation office and the D.A.'s office over the past two years." Most lawyers said Judge Ritchie is "fair" when handling his sentencing duties. Only one attorney disagreed and said, "He's harsh." When asked how quickly cases move through this judge's courtroom, attorneys provided mixed opinions. They said, "He moves cases at an average" pace, "[Cases move] a little faster" through his court and "[He moves cases at an] appropriate" pace. Two lawyers disagreed with the majority and said,

"Judge Ritchie moves cases slower" than his peers. One of them added, "because he's not settling as many cases as he should."

Continuances

Most interviewees said you've got an "average" chance of getting Judge Ritchie to grant a continuance based upon good cause. Other responses included, "It's not a problem if you've got good cause" and "He's pretty reasonable" about granting continuances.

Proclivities

The majority of the interviewees said Judge Ritchie is "fair" overall. The two who disagreed said he leans "slightly" and "heavily" toward the prosecution.

Summary

One attorney offered the following additional comment: "His [settlement and negotiating] skills are good. And he's willing to press the D.A. when it's appropriate." Most lawyers said they like Judge Ritchie's courtroom management style, pleasant demeanor and ability to keep an open mind. They voiced mixed opinions as to how fast cases usually move through his courtroom. (01E)

FROM THE BENCH

Judge Ritchie graciously responded to written questions regarding his courtroom preferences and procedures.

When handling trials, Judge Ritchie does *not* question witnesses extensively. However, he does frequently conduct more than half of the voir dire proceedings. Speaking objections are not allowed in this jurist's courtroom. He strongly prefers that attorneys bring a proposed Order to court indicating the specific relief they are seeking. This jurist does *not* have a set, minimum amount of advance notice required of attorneys who discover they will be running late to court. However, he does expect lawyers to advise the court "as soon as [they are] aware of the problem."

RIVERA, Maria P.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, First Appellate District, Division Four

Appointment/Election: Appointed by Governor Davis to a term commencing on Jan. 25, 2002. Retained for full term in Nov. 2006 election.

Past Employment: Superior Court Judge, Contra Costa County, 1997-2001; Private law practice in Walnut Creek, Calif.: partner/counsel, McCutchen, Doyle (now Bingham, McCutchen), Walnut Creek, Calif., 1985-96; associate, Van Voorhis & Skaggs, 1981-85; associate, Morrison & Foerster, San Francisco, Calif., 1974-78. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Dept. of Justice, San Francisco, Calif., 1979-81; Deputy District Attorney, District Attorney's office, San Francisco, Calif., 1978-79.

Memberships/Awards: Member: Supreme Court Committee on Judicial Ethics Opinions, 2007—; Advisory Committee on Access and Fairness, 2006—; Calif. Judges Assn., 1996— (Judicial Elections Committee, 2005—); Calif. Latino Judges Assn., 2004—; National Assn. of Women Judges, 1996—; Judicial Section, Hispanic National Bar Assn., 2005—. Former member: Advisory Board, Legal Services Coordinating Committee, 2003-11; Commission on Fair and Impartial Courts, 2007-09; Advisory Board, Legal Services Trust Fund Commission, 2001-13; ALI-ABA ACLEA Critical Issues Summit Planning Committee, 2007-09; ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession, 2005-08; Supreme Court's Applicant Evaluation and Nomination Committee for State Bar Court Judges, 2008 and 2011; Federal-State Judicial Council, 2001-06; Board of Governors, University of San Francisco School of Law, 2002-05; Board of Trustees, University of San Francisco, 2005-08; Advisory Board, Center for Human Development, 1997-2001; Advisory Board, Latino Leadership Forum, 1997-02; Advisory Board, Invest in Kids (a mentoring program for at-risk children), 1996-07; Advisory Board, Wardrobe for Opportunity (a program to provide professional clothes for women of modest means entering the work force), 1998-08;

Contra Costa County Bar Assn., 1981 (Treasurer 1996, Board member 1981-96); Contra Costa Legal Services Foundation, 1985 (Board member 1985-96, Officer 1990-94). Recipient: Judicial Excellence Award, East Bay La Raza Lawyers Assn., 2013; Leadership Award, Calif. Latino Judges Assn., 2012; Tara Riedley Barristers Choice Award, Barristers Club of the San Francisco Bar Assn., 2012; Benjamin Aranda III Access to Justice Award, 2011; Alumna of the Year, University of San Francisco Law School, 2010; "Outstanding Leadership in the Community," Distinguished Justice Award, San Francisco La Raza Lawyers Assn., 2002; Trial Judge of the Year Award, Alameda-Contra Costa Trial Lawyers Assn., 2001; Pro Bono Judge of the Year Award, Contra Costa Bar Assn., 1999.

Teaching/Lectures/Panelist: Faculty, Civil Update, CJA Annual Meeting, San Diego, Calif., 2009; Practitioner/Teacher, Boalt Hall, 1992 (Appellate Advocacy); Panelist, Plenary session "Women of Color: Seeing All Sides," Women of Color in the Courts: The Changing Face of Justice, 2008; Panelist, Bridging the Justice Gap: The Right to a Lawyer, Town Hall Meeting, Bar Assn. of San Francisco, 2008; Co-Moderator: "Being Wicked—How Women of Color Can Take Control of Their Professional Development," ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession, Annual Meeting Program, 2008 ("Being the Best Lawyers We Can Be—An Intergenerational Discussion Among Women of Color," 2007); Panelist, "Mentoring Women Lawyers III: Women of Color," Litigation Section Presentation, Bar Assn. of San Francisco, 2008; Panelist, "Achieving a Diverse Judiciary and Its Impact on Public Confidence in the Judicial System," ABA Judicial Division Lawyers Conference Teleconference, Live Audio Webcast, 2008; "Mediation Confidentiality," Contra Costa County Judicial Education Program, 2008; Panelist, "The Relationship Between Judicial Diversity and Judicial Independence," National Assn. of Women Judges, Southwestern Regional Meeting, 2007; Faculty, Update of Civil Cases, CJA Annual Meeting, Monterey, 2007; Speaker, brief writing and oral argument, First District Appellate Project Training, San Francisco, 2007; Panelist, "How Not to Lose Your Appeal in the Trial Court," State Bar Section Education Institute, Berkeley, 2007; Panel Moderator, "The Challenge of Maintaining Fair and Impartial Courts in Calif.," Judicial Leadership Conference, San Francisco, 2006; Faculty, Opinion Writing, New Appellate Justice Orientation, 2006; Panelist, Writ Practice—Secrets and Strategies, Bar Assn. of San Francisco, Appellate Section, 2005; Faculty, challenges under Code of Civil Procedure §§170.1 and 170.6, CJA Annual Meeting, San Diego, 2005; Faculty, New Appellate Justice Orientation, Statewide Judicial Branch Conference, San Diego, 2005; Panelist, Protecting the Record on Appeal, Bar Assn. of San Francisco, Litigation Section, 2005; Faculty, Anti-SLAPP Motions, Overview and Update, Trial Judicial Attorney Institute, Anaheim, 2005; Faculty, Appellate Courts, New Judge Orientation, San Francisco, 2002, 2003, 2005 (Trials, 2001); Faculty, Update of Civil Cases, CJA Annual Meeting, Monterey, 2004; Faculty, Advanced Civil Procedure, Civil Cases Update (Anti-SLAPP motions), CJSP Civil Institute, San Diego, 2003, 2004 (Napa, Anti-SLAPP motions; B&P §17200; summary judgment motions, 2003); Opinion Writing, Appellate Court Institute, San Francisco, 2002; Planning Committee Member and Coordinator, "Hot Topics," CJA Midyear Conference, Palm Springs, 2000; Adjunct Professor, Univ. San Francisco, 1976-77 (Civil Procedure).

Publications: Author: "The Complexities—and Importance—of Running a Fair Campaign," *Calif. Courts Review*, Fall 2007 to Winter 2008; "The Rule of Law," *Western City* (The Monthly Magazine of the League of Calif. Cities), Dec. 2007; "Keeping it Clean: Bad Actors Threaten Public Support of Judicial Independence," *The Bench*, Autumn 2007; "The Rule of Law," *Western City*, Dec. 2007; "California Practice Guide: Civil Procedure Before Trial. Forms," The Rutter Group, 2005; "Benefit Your Community by Remembering History, Being Vigilant and Political, and Getting Involved," *USF Lawyer*, Fall 2004; "Standard of

Review on Appeal from Summary Judgments," *Contra Costa Lawyer*, 1993; "General Plans: Coming of Age in California," *Real Property Reporter*, 1991; "The Land Use Trilogy: New Directions in Litigation," *Inside Litigation*, Nov. 1987; *Antitrust Primer: Basics of Antitrust Law and Investigation*, BNA, 1980.

Education: J.D. (1974, magna cum laude, McAuliffe Honor Society), Univ. of San Francisco, San Francisco, Calif.; B.A. (1970, graduated with distinction as First Group Scholar), Smith College, Northampton, Mass.

Personal: Born July 16, 1949 in Visalia, Calif.; Married to James J. Garrett, former partner Morrison & Foerster. Two children and three stepchildren.

Interests: Back-country pack trips; fly-fishing; cooking (and eating).

Admission: Admitted to the State Bar of Calif., 1974; U.S. Court of Appeal, Ninth Circuit; U.S. Dist. Court, Northern and Eastern Dist. of Calif.; U.S. Supreme Court, 1994.

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Appointment/Election: Appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger Aug. 20, 2007 (oath Sept. 5, 2007).

Other Judicial Office: Administrative Law Judge, Calif. Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board, Los Angeles, Calif., 1988-2007.

Past Employment: Deputy Federal Defender, Los Angeles, Calif., 1979-80. Private law practice: Sole practitioner, Los Angeles, Calif., 1983-87; Staff attorney, Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice, Los Angeles, Calif., 1975-78.

Memberships/Awards: Member: Mexican American Bar Assn., Los Angeles, Calif., 1975— (Trustee and Second Vice President, 1976-78); National Assn. of Women Judges, 2006— (1999-2001). Former member: National Assn. of Unemployment Insurance Appellate Boards, 1999-2007; Assn. of Administrative Law Judges, 1988-2007.

Teaching/Lectures/Panelist: Faculty: Administrative law, Unemployment insurance, National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada, 1998-2004. Associate professor: Clinical law and Trial advocacy, Southwestern Univ. School of Law, Los Angeles, Calif., 1980-83.

Education: J.D. (1971-74), Univ. of Calif., Los Angeles School of Law; B.A. (1967-71, International Relations), Univ. of Southern Calif., Los Angeles, Calif.

Personal: Born Sept. 30, 1949; Los Angeles, Calif.; Married. Two children.

Interests: Enjoys traveling and art.

Admission: Admitted to Calif. State Bar Dec. 20, 1974; U.S. Supreme Court, July 1980; U.S. Court of Appeal, Ninth Circuit, April 1980; U.S. Dist. Court, Central Dist. of Calif., Dec. 20, 1974.

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ATTORNEYS' COMMENTS

Temperament/Demeanor

Attorneys interviewed about Judge Rizk said she is likable. "I have the utmost respect for her. I like her a lot," said one. "I just did a trial in front of her. I liked her a lot," said another. A third interviewee said, "I have a favorable view of her." A deputy public defender added, "She is very good with our clients who come through the court."

Intelligence/Knowledge

Interviewees described Judge Rizk as an experienced lawyer and capable judge, albeit one who is relatively less well informed about criminal law. One interviewee said her unfamiliarity with police procedures is reflected in her inability to quickly rule on motions. Another interviewee,