

MASTERSON, William Anthony

RETIRED ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, Second Appellate District, Division One

Appointment/Election: Appointed [succeeding Associate Justice Robert R. Devich, retired] by Governor Wilson Dec. 1, 1992, confirmed by Commission on Judicial Appointments Jan. 12, 1993, oath same day, and confirmed by electorate Nov. 8, 1994 to 12-year term commencing Jan. 3, 1995.

Other Judicial Office: Judge, Superior Court, Los Angeles County, Jan. 13, 1988 to Jan. 12, 1993, appointed [succeeding Judge Edward I. Gorman, retired] by Governor Deukmejian Dec. 10, 1987, and elected in 1988 (unopposed).

Past Employment: Private law practice (emphasizing civil litigation and appellate practice), Los Angeles, Calif., 1959-87 (partner: Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, Feb. 1983 to Dec. 1987 [judge's clients included Security Pacific National Bank, Los Angeles County in its legal battle to oust then Coroner Thomas Noguchi from office, and various newspapers and reporters in First Amendment cases]; and Rogers & Wells, July 1979 to Jan. 1983 (general manager of firm's Los Angeles office); partner (Jan. 1963 to June 1979) and associate (Jan. 1959 to Dec. 1962), Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton). Worked his way through high school and college as a truck driver.

Memberships/Awards: Member: Calif. Judges Assn., 1988—; and Board of Directors, Bishop Goden Home, 1985—. Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers, 1974—. Member: Commission on Judicial Performance, 1989-93 (appointed, succeeding Judge Christian Markey by Calif. Supreme Court); Calif. Judicial Council, 1989, and 1993— (term ended Feb. 28, 1997; appointed, succeeding Justice Arleigh Woods, by Calif. Supreme Court). Former member: Calif. Judicial Council's Advisory Committee on Juvenile Court Law, 1988-89; American Bar Assn., 1959-87; Los Angeles County Bar Assn., 1959-87; Assn. of Business Trial Lawyers, 1973-87 (President, 1976); and Advisory Board, National Council on Alcoholism, 1974-78.

Teaching/Lectures/Panelist: Faculty, Calif. Judicial College (CJER), Berkeley, 1992 (“Courtroom Control and the Commission on Judicial Performance”). Participant: The Rutter Group program, “Basic Training for Litigators, Civil Procedure Before Trial,” 1991 (panelist); and CEB Trial Practice Institute, “Advocacy and Management in Complex Litigation,” 1991.

Publications: Author: *Civil Trial Practice* (Practising Law Institute, 1986).

Military Experience: Served from private E-2 to corporal, U.S. Army, Nov. 1953 to Sept. 1955 (infantry).

Education: J.D. (June 1958), Univ. of Calif., Los Angeles (Westwood), School of Law (member: Order of the Coif; Board of Editors, UCLA L Rev, 1957-58; and Phi Delta Phi); B.A. (June 1953, History), Univ. of Calif., Los Angeles (Westwood); Graduate (1949), Loyola High School, Los Angeles, Calif.

Personal: Born June 25, 1931; New York, N.Y., and moved with family to Los Angeles in 1943; Married. Four children.

Admission: Admitted to Calif. Bar, to U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, and to U.S. Dist. Court, Central and Southern Dists. of Calif., Jan. 14, 1959; and to U.S. Supreme Court in May 1965.

Political Affiliation: Democrat.