

GILBERT, Arthur

PRESIDING JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, Second Appellate District, Division Six

Appointment/Election: Appointed to newly-created position by Governor Brown Jr. Dec. 3, 1982, confirmed by Commission on Judicial Appointments Dec. 27, 1982, oath same day, confirmed by the electorate Nov. 4, 1986, and reconfirmed Nov. 3, 1998.

Other Judicial Office: Judge, Superior Court, Los Angeles County, March 13, 1980 (date of oath) to Dec. 27, 1982, appointed March 11, 1980 by Governor Brown Jr., and elected in 1982. Judge, Municipal Court, Los Angeles Judicial District, Los Angeles County, Sept. 1, 1975 (date of oath) to March 13, 1980, appointed Aug. 18, 1975 by Governor Brown Jr., and elected in 1978 (unopposed). Served as Supervising Judge, Traffic Courts Division, April 1976 to April 1977, and collaborated in institution of pilot program to translate traffic infraction notices into Spanish in East Los Angeles area.

Past Employment: Private law practice, Los Angeles, Calif., 1965-75. Deputy City Attorney, Los Angeles, 1964-65 (trial attorney in Criminal Division); Teaching Assistant (Law and Journalism), Univ. of Calif, Berkeley, 1963.

Memberships/Awards: Member: Chair Judicial Council Advisory Committee on Court Interpreters, 1991; Calif. Judges Assn., 1975—; Fellow of the Witkin Legal Institute 1998; Governing Committee, CJER, 1978-80 and 1986-88; Women Lawyers Assn. of Los Angeles, 1975—; and Ventura Trial Lawyers Assn., 1983—. Former member: Municipal Court Judges Assn. of Los Angeles County, 1975-80; Calif. Continuing Judicial Studies Program Planning Committee (CJER), 1979-83; Calif. Trial Lawyers Assn., 1966-75; Los Angeles County Bar Assn., 1965-87; and Los Angeles Trial Lawyers Assn., 1965-75. Chair, Calif. Judicial Council's Advisory Committee: on Court Interpreters (1990-91); and on Legal Forms (1978-80). Recipient, "Bernard Jefferson Award" (1987) from Calif. Judges Assn. for his contribution to judicial education. Recipient, "Distinguished Jurist Award" (1992) from Beverly Hills Bar Assn. Named "Appellate Justice of the Year" (1984 and 1993) by Calif. Trial Lawyers Assn; "Appellate Justice of the Year" 1997- Roger J. Traynor Memorial Award Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles; Judicial Excellence Award Criminal Courts Bar Association, 1994.

Teaching/Lectures/Panelist: Panelist on Program for Russian Judges, Moscow, Russia. What is a Fair Trial? Program under auspices of Central and Eastern European Law Initiative (CEELI) 1995; Guest speaker Budapest, Hungary, Symposium for Hungarian Judges on American Jurisprudence, sponsored by Hungarian Ministry of Justice and the Center for Democratic Legal Institutions, 1991; Panelist on Program for Serbian Judges, Prague, Czech Rep. "Judging in a Democratic Society." Program under auspices of Central and Eastern European Law Initiative (CEELI) 2001; Participant, The Rutter Group Update Program, "Civil Procedure," 1991 (faculty). Faculty: Calif. Judicial College (CJER), Berkeley, 1987 ("Jurisprudence"), 1986, and 1979; and Calif. Continuing Judicial Studies Program ("CJSP") (Mid-Career Judges College) (CJER), 1982 and 1981. Instructor (Civil Rights and Business Law), Los Angeles Valley Community College, 1974-75. Teaching and Research Assistant (Law and the Press), Univ of Calif., Berkeley, 1964.

Publications: “Under Submission,” Column for the Daily Journal, 1988 to present; Editor and Contributor to yearly Supplements, Jefferson’s “California Evidence Benchbook,” Third Edition; Member of Editorial Board and contributor to various chapters; Jefferson’s “California Evidence Benchbook,” Third Edition (1997) published by Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB); Consultant to Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB) for publication of “California Civil Appellate Practice” 3rd Edition 1996; “The Terror of Harmless Error,” California Litigation Journal of the State Bar of California, Fall 1995; “A Conversation with B.E. Witkin”—Interview legendary legal scholar Bernard Witkin on his life and philosophy. Videotape produced by the California Judges Association. September 1994; “Civility—It’s Worth the Effort,” Trial, Journal of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, April 1991; “Difficult Judges: How to Survive Them,” California Litigation, Journal of the Litigation Section State Bar of California, Vol.4 No.2 Winter 1991; Selections in Supreme Folly by Jones and Uelmen (1990) W.W. Norton & Company. Author: “A Beacon of Justice” (Book Review of The Justice from Beacon Hill (The Life and Times of Oliver Wendell Holmes), Calif. Lawyer (Sept. 1991); “The California Supreme Court in the 1990’s,” Calif. Lawyer (Jan. 1990); “Intellects and Egos” (Book review of Brandeis and Frankfurter: A Dual Biography), Los Angeles Lawyer (Feb. 1985); “The Constitution Should Protect Everyone—Even Lawyers,” Pepperdine L Rev (Dec. 1984); article on “Judicial Discretion,” Opinion Section, Los Angeles Times (Aug. 1982); “The Choice to Die—A Private Matter,” Student Lawyer [ABA publication] (May 1982); “Practicing in Juvenile Court—A Delicate Balance,” Los Angeles Lawyer (Dec. 1981); and “Juror Perceptions and How They Judge the Judges,” The Judges Journal (Spring 1979). Assisted in preparation of manual for juvenile court judges under grant from Federal Government and under direction of Dept. of Sociology, Univ. of Calif., Berkeley, 1964.

Education: Graduate (1976), Calif. Trial Judges College Session (CJER) [now Calif. Judicial College (CJER)], Berkeley; LL.B. (June 1963), Univ. of Calif., Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law; B.A. (Dec. 1960, English Literature), Univ. of Calif., Los Angeles (Westwood).

Personal: Born Dec. 29, 1937; Los Angeles, Calif.; Married.

Interests: Played piano and had a jazz group while in college. Enjoys music (jazz; plays piano), bicycling, and jogging.

Most Famous Quote: “It’s just the two of us in a room—me and my brain, only often I’m alone.”

Admission: Admitted to Calif. Bar Jan. 6, 1964.