WISEMAN, Rebecca Ann

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, Fifth Appellate District

**Appointment/Election:** Appointed [succeeding Judge, Ardaiz, elevated to Presiding Justice] by Governor Wilson on Oct. 12, 1995, confirmed by unanimous vote of Commission on Judicial Appointments on Nov. 13, 1995.

**Other Judicial Office:** Judge, Superior Court, appointed [succeeding Judge Henry E. Bianchi, retired] by Governor Wilson July 24, 1991 (oath July 29, 1991), and elected in 1992 (unopposed). Judge, Municipal Court, Bakersfield Municipal Court District [formerly, West Kern Judicial District], Kern County, Sept. 4, 1986 (date of oath) to July 29, 1991, appointed [succeeding Judge Roger D. Randall, elevated] by Governor Deukmejian Aug. 18, 1986. Headed municipal court’s Civil Dept., 1989-91. Acting Assistant Presiding Judge, 1987-89.

**Past Employment:** Deputy District Attorney, Kern County, 1981-86. Private law practice, Bakersfield area, Dec. 1980 to Nov. 1981 (with law firm of W. C. Kuhs, specializing in water, agriculture, mining, oil, and gas law, and land use planning).

**Memberships/Awards:** Member: American Judges Assn., 1990—; President of Calif. Judge’s Foundation, 1995-96; National Assn. of Women Judges, 1988—; Calif. Judges Assn., 1986— Member of Board (2005-08) (Public Information Committee, 1992-93 and 1987-88); Calif. Women Lawyers, 1981—; American Bar Assn., 1981—; and Board of Directors, Kern County Red Cross, 1989-91. Selected in 1998 as one of the Top 10 Women Professionals in Fresno County. Selected as the Outstanding Jurist in Kern County, 1998. Awarded the Mentor of the Year award by the Fresno County Young Lawyers Assn., 1998. Received the Justice Pauline Davis Hanson Award from the Fresno County Women Lawyers Assn. in 1997 for outstanding community service.

**Teaching/Lectures/Panelist:** Professor, Calif. Pacific School of Law, Bakersfield, Calif., 1988-95. Multiple MCLE presenter on varied topics. Frequent lecturer for the Rutter Group on civil procedure, employment law, and evidence. Chaired the Calif. Judges Assn. and Rutter Group educational program on expert witnesses in 1997 and Employment Litigation, 2002-10.

**Publications:** Co-author of the Rutter Group Practice Guide, *Employment Litigation*.

**Education:** J.D. (1980), Univ. of Calif., School of Law, Davis, Calif.; B.A. (1975, summa cum laude, Journalism), Fresno State College [now Calif. State Univ.], Fresno, Calif. (named “Outstanding Senior”); LL.M. (2001), Univ. of Virginia School of Law.

**Personal:** Born Sept. 6, 1953; Sanger, Calif.; Married. Two children.

**Interests:** Enjoys hiking and gardening.

**Admission:** Admitted to Calif. Bar Dec. 17, 1980.