

BLEASE, Coleman Arthur

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, Third Appellate District

Appointment/Election: Appointed [succeeding Associate Justice Leonard M. Friedman, retired] by Governor Brown Jr. May 14, 1979, confirmed by Commission on Judicial Appointments June 8, 1979, oath June 15, 1979, confirmed by electorate Nov. 2, 1982 to 12-year term, and reconfirmed by electorate Nov. 8, 1994 to 12-year term commencing Jan. 3, 1995.

Other Judicial Office: Justice Pro Tempore, Calif. Supreme Court, 1982 and 1997; Special Master for the Calif. Commission on Judicial Performance, 1996.

Past Employment: Private law practice, Sacramento, Calif., 1967-79 (partner, Blease, Vanderlaan & Rothschild; specialized in public law, including public employment and education law; and served as attorney for Group Legal Services Program of Calif. Teachers Assn.; and as counsel for League to Save Lake Tahoe). Legislative Advocate (Lobbyist), Sacramento, 1957-74, for (variously) Friends Committee on Legislation, ACLU of Southern Calif., and Social Workers Union, Local 535, AFL-CIO.

Memberships/Awards: Member: Calif. Judges Assn., 1979—; Governing Committee, CJER, 1980-83 (Vice Chairperson, 1981-82); and Select Committee of Advisors, Pacific LJ; Master of the Bench, Milton Schwartz Inn of Court, 1992-98.

Teaching/Lectures/Panelist: Moderator, CEB programs: “Analyzing Key Evidence Issues,” 1998; “Criminal Appeals,” 1996; “Handling Civil Writs and Appeals,” 1987; “Step by Step: The Appellate Process,” 1983 (moderator); and “Appellate Review Before Judgment,” 1982 (moderator). Instructor (Logic of Argument, Freedom of Speech), extension program and Speech Dept., Univ. of Calif., Berkeley, 1962-66. Panelist, in-house Appellate Practice Training, Legal Services of Northern California (1993). Speaker, U.S. Dept. of the Interior program, “The Public Trust Doctrine and Its Application to Protecting Instream Flows,” 1996. Participant, Appellate Judges Seminar, Advanced Series, Institute of Judicial Administration, New York Univ. School of Law, 1996. Member, Select Committee of Advisors, Pacific Law Journal, 1981-82.

Publications: Consultant to Third Edition (1996) *California Civil Appellate Practice*.

Noteworthy Cases: Judge Blease is the author of more than 3000 opinions on a broad array of subjects, several hundred of which have been published, including a dozen or so on water law. Among them are: *County of Inyo v. City of Los Angeles*

(1981) 124 Cal.App.3d 1 [EIR on pumping water from Owens Valley]; *California Trout, Inc. v. State Water Resources Control Board* (1989) 207 Cal.App.3d 585 [release of water into streams tributary to Mono Lake]; *Baldwin v. County of Tehama* (1994) 31 Cal.App.4th 166 [county regulation of groundwater].

Education: LL.B. (1955), Univ. of Calif., Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law; B.A. (1952), Univ. of Calif., Berkeley.

Personal: Born Oct. 23, 1929; San Francisco, Calif.; Married. Two adult sons.

Interests: Avid swimmer, hiker and backpacker.

Admission: Admitted to Calif. Bar Dec. 21, 1955.

Political Affiliation: Democrat.