

**DOSSEE, Robert L.**

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

**Appointment/Election:** Appointed [succeeding Associate Justice John William Holmdahl, retired], by Governor Deukmejian Aug. 7, 1990, confirmed by Commission on Judicial Appointments Aug. 20, 1990, oath same day, confirmed by electorate Nov. 8, 1994 to 12-year term commencing Jan. 3, 1995, and retired in 1998.

**Other Judicial Office:** Judge, Superior Court, City & County of San Francisco, March 15, 1979 (date of oath) to Aug. 20, 1990. Appointed [succeeding Judge Joseph G. Kennedy, retired] by Governor Brown Jr. March 9, 1979, elected in 1980, and reelected in 1986. Judge, Appellate Dept, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1986. Presiding Judge, Criminal Courts, 1981-82. Served as Associate Justice *pro tempore*, Court of Appeal, First Appellate Dist., May-June 1980. Judge, Municipal Court, San Francisco Judicial District, City & County of San Francisco, Feb. 7, 1973 (date of oath) to March 15, 1979, appointed Dec. 19, 1972, by Governor Reagan, and elected in 1974. Presiding Judge, 1978-79.

**Past Employment:** Trial Lawyer, State Division of Highways, 1966-72. Served on San Francisco trial staff defending State Division of Highways in personal injury cases involving alleged highway defects. Private law practice (specializing in personal injury and general litigation), San Francisco, 1962-66 (associate, Hauerken, St. Clair, Zappettini & Hines). Served as Law Clerk for U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, Judge M. Oliver Koelsch, 1961; Worked 6 months in 1957 as chemist, San Francisco City Dept of Public Works, before enrolling in law school.

**Memberships/Awards:** Member: Calif. Judges Assn., 1973— (Civil Law and Procedures Committee, 1978). Former member: Planning Committee, Calif. Superior Court Institute on Criminal Law and Procedure, 1983; Board of Directors, March of Dimes, 1980-88; Board of Directors, Univ. of San Francisco Law Society, 1976-79; and Calif. State Bar's Committee on Criminal Procedures, 1977; Chair, International Relations Committee of Commonwealth Club of California. Named "Trial Judge of the Year," 1988, by San Francisco Trial Lawyers Assn.

**Teaching/Lectures/Panelist:** Faculty, Calif. Judicial College (CJER), Berkeley, 1978—. Lecturer and Seminar Leader, Calif. Judges Assn., 1976-90. Lecturer: Rutter Group programs, 1990 and 1988 (personal injury, trial practice, and settlements); and CEB program, "Direct and Cross Examination," 1981. Co-author: Part V (dealing with contempt), California Judicial College Notebook, 1978.

**Military Experience:** Commissioned as Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army, in 1956 and honorably discharged as Captain after fulfilling active duty and reserve commitments.

**Education:** LL.B. (1960), Univ. of San Francisco Law School, San Francisco; B.S. (1956, Political Science), Univ. of Santa Clara [now Santa Clara Univ.]; Attended St. Ignatius High School (1948-52) and Epiphany Grammar School (1941-48), both in San Francisco.

**Born:** June 1, 1934; San Francisco, Calif.; Divorced. Four children.

**Interests:** Enjoys sports and surf-fishing.

**Admission:** Admitted to Calif. Bar Jan. 18, 1961.