

HASTINGS, James Gary

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, Second Appellate District, Division Four

Appointment/Election: Appointed [succeeding Associate Justice Jack E. Goertzen, retired] by Governor Wilson Aug. 9, 1993, confirmed by Commission on Judicial Appointments Sept. 21, 1993 (oath same day), confirmed by electorate Nov. 8, 1994, to 8-year term (uncompleted portion of predecessor's 12-year term) commencing Jan. 3, 1995, and confirmed to a 12-year term by Electorate on Nov. 4, 2002.

Other Judicial Office: Judge, Superior Court, Los Angeles County. Appointed to newly-created position by Governor Deukmejian Sept. 18, 1985 (oath Oct. 1, 1985), elected in 1986, and reelected in 1992.

Past Employment: Private law practice (specializing in personal injury, product liability, and business litigation), Los Angeles, Calif., 1972-85 (shareholder, Belcher, Henzie & Biegenzahn).

Memberships/Awards: Member: Calif. Judges Assn., 1985—; and American Bar Assn., 1972-85 and 1992-1996. Former member: Assn. of Southern Calif. Defense Counsel, 1979-85; and Los Angeles County Bar Assn., 1972-85 (served on Law Schools Committee, Trial Lawyers Section, and Family Law Section). Involved as past Board member of AYSO Soccer and Youth Baseball.

Education: J.D. (1972, magna cum laude), Southwestern Univ. School of Law, Los Angeles, Calif. (Editor in Chief, Southwestern Univ. L Rev, 1971-72); B.S. (1968, Business Administration), Univ. of Southern Calif., Los Angeles, Calif.

Personal: Born Feb. 19, 1943; Los Angeles, Calif.; Married. Two children.

Interests: Enjoys participating in triathlons and running events (ran in city's first official marathon, March 1986), camping, surfing, and golf.

Admission: Admitted to Calif. Bar Dec. 14, 1972.