

## **COFFEE, Paul H.**

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

**Appointment/Election:** Appointed to newly-created position by Governor Wilson Feb. 24, 1997, confirmed by Commission on Judicial Appointments April 15, 1997 (oath same day).

**Other Judicial Office:** Judge, Superior Court, San Luis Obispo County, appointed [succeeding Judge Warren C. Conklin retired] by Governor Wilson Jan. 14, 1992 (oath Jan. 22, 1992), and elected in 1992 (unopposed); Fast Track Supervising Judge, 1992-97; Juvenile Court Supervising Judge, 1992 and 1993; Probate Court Judge, 1992 and 1993; Presiding Judge, 1994; Family Law Supervising Judge, 1995; Judge *pro tempore* at Court of Appeal, Second District, Division Six, Ventura, Calif., June, 1995.

**Past Employment:** Private law practice: San Luis Obispo, Calif., 1975-92 (partner, Hoge, Fenton, Jones & Appel); and San Jose, Calif., 1963-75 (first as associate, Wines & Bonney, and then as partner, Wines, Coffee & Robinson).

**Memberships/Awards:** Member: Calif. Judges Assn., 1992—; Cow County Judges Assn., 1992—; American College of Trial Lawyers, 1984—; American Bar Assn., 1976—; San Luis Obispo County Bar Assn., 1976— (Board of Directors, 1985-86); U.S. Navy League, 1990—, President of Central Coast Council, 1996; and Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission, 1992-93. Former member: International Assn. of Defense Counsel, 1980-92; American Board of Trial Advocates, 1982—; (President, Santa Barbara/Ventura/San Luis Obispo chapter, 1988-89); Presiding Judge, Masters in Trial Demonstration sponsored by Foundation of American Board of Trial Advocates (California coastal chapter), Feb. 28, 1997; Judicial Council Standing Advisory Committee on Civil and Small Claims Procedures, 1993-96; Judicial Council Special Task Force on Business Courts, 1995-96; CJA Committee on Civil Procedure, 1994-96; CJA Committee on Standardization of Local Rules, 1995-96; planning committees for CJER and CJA for civil procedure institutes and annual meetings; Assn. of Defense Counsel of Northern Calif., 1963-92 (President, 1989); and CJA Executive Board, 2002-06.

**Military Experience:** U.S. Navy, 1954-59 (rank, lieutenant; designated Naval Aviator, 1956).

**Education:** J.D. (1962), Univ. of Calif., Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law; B.S. (1954), Univ. of Calif., Berkeley.

**Personal:** Born July 10, 1932; Madera, Calif.; Divorced. Two children.

**Interests:** Enjoys travel.

**Admission:** Admitted to Calif. Bar Jan. 15, 1963.

**Political Affiliation/Religion:** Republican; Catholic.