

KAY, Laurence Donald

PRESIDING JUSTICE, Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Division Four

Appointment/Election: Appointed [succeeding Presiding Justice Hanlon, retired] by Governor Davis, Dec. 21, 2001 confirmed by Commission on Judicial Appointments, Jan. 25, 2002 (oath same day).

Other Judicial Office: Judge, Superior Court, City and County of San Francisco, appointed [succeeding Judge Donald B. King, elevated] by Governor Brown Jr. Jan. 1, 1983 (oath same day), elected in 1984 (unopposed), and reelected in subsequent elections. Presiding Judge, San Francisco Probate Court, 1997-2000. Presiding Judge of Superior Court, July 1, 1996-97; Presiding Judge, San Francisco Superior Court Appellate Division, 1991-94; Presiding Judge, Criminal Division, July 1986 to July 1988; Assistant Presiding Judge of Superior Court, July 1, 1995-96. Judge, Municipal Court, San Francisco Judicial District, City & County of San Francisco, Aug. 28, 1981 (date of oath) to Jan. 1, 1983, appointed Aug. 26, 1981 by Governor Brown Jr., and elected in 1982.

Past Employment: Private law practice, San Francisco, 1964-81 (with Livingston, Grant, Stone & Kay, which became Livingston, Stone, Kay & McGowan when Isabella Horton Grant was appointed to municipal court). Worked as field administrator in construction business in southern Calif. after graduating from college and before studying law, 1958-60.

Memberships/Awards: Member: Calif. Judges Assn., 1981— (Editor-in-Chief, Domestic Violence Benchbook (CJA)); President, USF Chapter of American Inns of Court, 1997—; Executive Board Member, National College of Probate Judges, 1998—. Former member: Calif. Attorneys for Criminal Justice, 1978-81; and Bar Assn. of San Francisco, 1964-81. Recipient, “Trial Judge of the Year” Award, San Francisco Trial Lawyers, 1992.

Teaching/Lectures/Panelist: Participant, The Rutter Group program, “The Evidence Master Series, 1985”(panelist). Faculty: Teaching Computer Use for Judges and Three Strikes Sentencing, Calif. Judicial Education & Research Foundation.

Noteworthy Cases: Significant decisions include: *In re Providian Credit Card Cases* (2002) 96 Cal.App.4th 292; *West v. Bechtel Corp.* (2002) 96 Cal.App.4th 966; *People v. Merced* (2001) 94 Cal.App.4th 1024; *In re Marriage of Vroenen* (2001) 94 Cal.App.4th 1176; *Mellinger v. Ticor Title Ins. Co. of California* (2001) 93 Cal.App.4th 691; *Vahle v. Barwick* (2001) 93 Cal.App.4th 1323; *Schiff v. Prados* (2001) 92 Cal.App.4th 692; *Birschtein v. New United Motor Manufacturing, Inc.* (2001) 92 Cal.App.4th 994; *Ford v. Superior Court* (2001) 91 Cal.App.4th 112; *Pleasant Hill Bayshore Disposal, Inc. v. Chip-It Recycling, Inc.* (2001) 91 Cal.App.4th 678; *People v. Eccleston* (2001) 89 Cal.App.4th 436; *People v. Quintana* (2001) 89 Cal.App.4th 1362; *Kaczorowski v. Mendocino County Bd. of Supervisors* (2001) 88 Cal.App.4th 564; *Traverso v. Department of Transportation* (2001) 87 Cal.App.4th 1142.

Education: J.D. (1963), Univ. of Calif., Boalt Hall School of Law, Berkeley, Calif. (associate editor, Calif. L Rev, 1962-63); B.S. (1958), Univ. of Calif., Berkeley.

Personal: Born Jan. 18, 1937; San Francisco, Calif.; Married.

Interests: Enjoys skiing, golf, and photography.

Admission: Admitted to Calif. Bar, Court of Appeal, Ninth Circuit, and U.S. District Court, Northern District, Jan. 1964.

Political Affiliation/Religion: Democrat