

**ORTEGA, Reuben Alcantar**

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

**Appointment/Election:** Retained by Electorate in November 1994 for a 12 year term ending January 2007 (oath June 10, 1988; appointment confirmed by Calif. Commission on Judicial Appointments on June 10, 1988).

**Other Judicial Office:** Judge, Superior Court, Los Angeles County, Dec. 3, 1984 (date of oath) to June 10, 1988, appointed [succeeding Judge W. James Turpit, retired] by Governor Deukmejian Oct. 26, 1984; Assistant District Attorney, Los Angeles County, 1983-84. Commissioner, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Oct. 4, 1977 to Feb. 7, 1983. Referee, same court, June 1976 to Oct. 4, 1977.

**Past Employment:** Private law practice (criminal defense, family law, and personal injury litigation), Long Beach, Calif., Sept. 1973 to Oct. 4, 1977 (sole practitioner). Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles County, Dec. 1967 to Sept. 1973. Senior law clerk, Los Angeles County District Attorney's office, Sept.-Dec. 1967. Adjudicator, Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C., Oct. 1963 to May 1967.

**Memberships/Awards:** Member: Calif. Judges Assn., 1984—. Former member: Calif. Judicial Council's Advisory Committee on Racial and Ethnic Bias in the courts, 1991-96; Los Angeles County Bar Assn., 1983-84; and Rotary International, Seal Beach, Calif., June 1973 to June 1978 (Board of Directors, July 1974 to June 1978).

**Teaching/Lectures/Panelist:** Instructor, Univ. of Calif., Los Angeles, Extension, 1977-79 (taught Family Law Section, Legal Secretaries' Program, 1979 and 1978; and Evidence in Paralegal Program, 1977).

**Education:** J.D. (June 5, 1967), Georgetown Univ. Law School, Washington, D.C.; B.A. (June 14, 1963), Univ. of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Graduate (1959), Valley High School, Albuquerque.

**Personal:** Born Dec. 22, 1941; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Married. Two children.

**Interests:** Enjoys horseback riding, computers, and music.

**Admission:** Admitted to Calif. Bar Dec. 21, 1967 and to U.S. Dist. Court, Central Dist. of Calif., April 17, 1974.

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