

STRANKMAN, Gary Elvin

PRESIDING JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, First Appellate District, Division One

Appointment/Election: Appointed [succeeding Presiding Justice John T. Racanelli, retired] by Governor Wilson July 23, 1991, confirmed by Commission on Judicial Appointments Aug. 26, 1991, oath same day, and confirmed by electorate Nov. 8, 1994 to 12-year term commencing Jan. 3, 1995. Assistant Administrative Presiding Justice, 1992—.

Other Judicial Office: Associate Justice, same court, Division Three, May 16, 1988 (date of confirmation by Commission on Judicial Appointments and oath) to Aug. 16, 1991, appointed [succeeding Associate Justice James B. Scott, retired] by Governor Deukmejian April 11, 1988, and confirmed by electorate Nov. 6, 1990. Judge, Superior Court, Contra Costa County, Jan. 5, 1981 (effective date) to May 16, 1988, elected [defeating Judge Richard P. Calhoun] June 3, 1980, and reelected in 1986. Presiding Judge 1987 and 1986. Assistant Presiding Judge, 1985. Chief Assistant District Attorney (1978-80) and Deputy District Attorney (1968-78; trial deputy and head of Richmond and Concord branch offices), Contra Costa County.

Past Employment: Served with Contra Costa Legal Services Foundation, 1968.

Memberships/Awards: Former member: Calif. District Attorneys Assn. (Board of Directors, 1979); and St. Mary's College County Scholarship Committee, 1978-88. Named Trial Judge of the Year (1985) by Alameda-Contra Costa Trial Lawyers Assn.

Teaching/Lectures/Panelist: Faculty, Calif. Continuing Judicial Studies Program (CUSP) (Mid-Career Judges College) (CJER), 1988 (Basic Felony Sentencing). Former Instructor (History; Literature; and Police Science courses): U.C. Berkeley; John F. Kennedy Univ. School of Law, Walnut Creek, Calif.; Golden Gate Univ., San Francisco; and community colleges in Contra Costa County.

Noteworthy Cases: Significant opinions authored by Justice Strankman include *Gaillard v. Natomas Co.*, (1989) 208 Cal.App.3d 1250, 256 Cal.Rptr. 702 (director's liability for approval of golden parachutes); and *Wilkinson v. Times Mirror Corp.*, (1989) 215 Cal.App.3d 1034, 264 Cal.Rptr. 194 (ruling that a private employer did not violate Calif. Const, art. I, § 1 (right of privacy) by requiring job applicants to submit to drug testing as a condition of employment).

Education: J.D. (1966), Univ. of Calif., Boalt Hall School of Law, Berkeley, Calif.; LL.M., 1995, Univ. of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, Virginia;

M.A. (1968, English Literature), San Francisco State Univ., San Francisco, Calif.;
B.A. (1963; English Literature and History), Univ. of Washington, Seattle, Wash.

Born: March 23, 1941; Shelton, Washington; Widowed. Two daughters.

Interests: Enjoys reading (books dealing with literary criticism, art, biographies, and philosophy), listening to pre-Beethoven classical and rhythm and blues music, and frequenting coffee shops in Berkeley.

Admission: Admitted to Calif. Bar Dec. 21, 1967.