



## **Leon Thompson**

**Associate Justice, Division 7**

**December 27, 1982 to May 26, 1988**

Born September 19, 1929 in Los Angeles, California

Died May 26, 1988

### **EDUCATION**

LL.B., University of Southern California Law School,  
1960

B.A., University of California at Los Angeles, 1955  
Los Angeles City College

State Bar Admission     January 11, 1961

### **JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE**

**Associate Justice**, California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division 7  
December 27, 1982 - May 26, 1988, Appointed by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

**Judge**, Los Angeles Superior Court  
March 19, 1980 – December 27, 1982, Appointed by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

### **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

**Partner**, Wright & Thompson, 1974 – 1980

**Sole Practitioner**, 1961 – 1974

**Teacher**, 6th Grade, 1955 – 1960

### **NOTE**

Was the son of a minister and the 11<sup>th</sup> of 12 children.

After a life changing two-year bout with tuberculosis in his late teens, his life was refocused from a career as a jazz musician to one driven by his voracious appetite for reading.