

**TROTTER, John K., Jr.**

RETIRED PRESIDING JUSTICE. COURT OF APPEAL. Fourth Appellate District, Division Three

**Appointment/Election:** Appointed to new division Nov. 29, 1982 confirmed by Commission on Judicial Appointments Dec. 27, 1982, oath same day, confirmed by electorate Nov. 4, 1986, and retired from bench Aug. 31, 1987.

**Previous Judicial Office:** Administrative- Presiding Justice of Court. March 1986 to Aug. 31, 1987. Associate Justice, same court.. Division Two, April 26, 1982 (date of oath) to Dec. 27, 1982. appointed [succeeding Associate Justice Stephen K. Tamura. resigned] by Governor Brown. Jr. March 17, 1982, and confirmed by Commission on Judicial Appointments April 23, 1982. Judge. Superior Court, Orange County. Feb. 27, 1979 (date of oath) to April 26, 1982, appointed by Governor Brown. Jr. Feb. 21, 1979, and elected in 1980. Served prior to appointment to bench as Judge pro tempore, same superior court.

**Past Employment:** Private law practice (specializing in civil and trial practice, insurance defense, medical and legal malpractice, and negligence law), Santa Ana, Calif., 1962-79 [most recently as partner, Trotter, Horton, Handweiler & Bahan).

**Memberships/Awards:** Member: Calif. Judges Assn. 1979~; and Orange County Bar Assn. (President, 1978-79: as President helped to secure institution of night court program to hear domestic and business cases using volunteer attorneys as temporary judges). Diplomat, American Board of Trial Advocates (President, Orange County chapter, 1968). Former member: Calif. Trial Lawyers Assn.; Orange County Trial Lawyers Assn. (served on Board of Directors); Board of Directors, Amicus Publico (private legal aid foundation), 1982. and Assn. of Defense Counsel. Southern Calif. Past President, Catholic Lawyers Guild, 1982; Robert Banyan Inns of Court: Friendly Sons of Sr. Patrick; Legion Lex (USC support), Former Hearing Officer, Calif. State Bar Disciplinary Committee. Recipient: "Appellate Justice of the Year Award" (1986) from Calif. Trial Lawyers Assn.; and 1985, from Los Angeles Trial Lawyers' Asst.

**Teaching/Lectures/Panelist:** Participant: CEB programs: Trial Practice Institute, "Advocacy and Management in Complex Litigation," 1991 (panelist); "Terminating Litigation Without Trial," 1986 (moderator); "Judicial Arbitration-Two Years Under the New Law." 1981 (moderator); "Arbitration Techniques for Arbitrators," 1981 (moderator); and "Using the California Evidence Code in Civil Cases," 1980 (moderator): and The Rutter Group programs, "Bad Faith," 1987 and 1986 Judicial perspective), Faculty, CTLA program. "The New Discovery Act," 1986. Participant. 4th Annual Institute for Trial Advocacy Skills, 1979. Noteworthy Cases: Significant decisions include: *Garcia v. Rockwell International Corp.* (1986) 187 Cal. App. 3d 1556. 232 Cal. Rptr. 490 (ruling that an employee can maintain a tort claim against his or her employer where disciplinary action has been taken against the employee in retaliation for the

employee's "whistle blowing" activities, even though the ultimate sanction of discharge has not been imposed).

**Education:** LL.B. (1962). Univ. of Southern Calif. Law School [now Law Center], Los Angeles. Calif. (Phi Delta Phil; 8.S.L. (1960), Univ. of Southern Calif., Los Angeles; Also attended: Loyola [now Loyola Marymount Univ., Los Angeles: and Santa Monica City College. Santa Monica, Calif.

**Born:** Feb. 25, 1934-; Brooklyn, N.Y.; Married, Seven children (one attorney, one set of twin sons).

**Interests:** Enjoys playing tennis.

**Admission:** Admitted to Calif. Bar June 7, 1962.