

**WALKER, Herbert Weston**

RETIRED ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, CALIFORNIA COURT OF APPEAL, First District, Division Three

**Appointment/Election:** Appointed [succeeding Justice Robert Merrill, deceased] by Governor Wilson, confirmed on May 24, 1996.

**Other Judicial Office:** Judge, Superior Court, Napa County, appointed to newly-created position by Governor Deukmejian Feb. 20, 1985 (oath March 7, 1985), elected in 1986 (unopposed), and reelected in 1992 (unopposed). Served as Associate Justice *pro tempore*, Court of Appeal, First Appellate Dist., in 1992. Presiding Judge, 1987-88, 1990-91; Presiding Criminal and Juvenile Court Judge, 1988-89, 1993; Presiding Judge of the Appellate Dept., 1986-87, 1990-93. Authored Napa County Rules for Administration of Civil Litigation (delay reduction) which he subsequently administered, achieving a disposition rate of over 90 percent of all civil cases within one year from filing.

**Past Employment:** Private law practice (concentrating on civil litigation in fields of business, real property, and construction law): Napa, Calif., 1980-85 (Senior Partner, Dickenson, Peatman & Fogarty); Newport Beach, Calif., 1978-80 (sole practitioner); and Santa Ana, Calif., 1960-78 (first as associate, then as partner, and most recently as senior and managing partner, Rutan & Tucker; while with Rutan & Tucker, he also served part-time as City Prosecutor for the cities of Cypress and La Palma, 1959-65). Deputy County Counsel, Los Angeles County, 1958-59.

**Memberships/Awards:** Member: Calif. Judges Assn., 1985—; Cow County Judges Assn., 1985—; and Napa County Bar Assn., 1980—. Chairman, Judicial Council's Advisory Committee on Court Records and Management, 1992—. Former member: American Board of Trial Advocates, 1968-85; Orange County Bar Assn., 1960-80 (Judiciary Committee, 1972-74); and Rotary Club, Napa, 1985-91. Former Chairman, Calif. State Bar Administrative Committee, 1973-74.

**Teaching/Lectures/Panelist:** Superior Court Seminar Leader, Calif. Judicial College (CJER), Berkeley, 1992.

**Education:** J.D. (1958), Univ. of Southern Calif. Law School [now Law Center], Los Angeles, Calif. (Phi Alpha Delta); B.A. (1955, Political Science), Stanford Univ., Palo Alto, Calif.; Graduate (1951), Glendale High School, Glendale, Calif.

**Born:** April 29, 1933; Los Angeles, Calif. [son of former Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge the late Herbert V. Walker]; Married. Six children; twelve grandchildren.

**Interests:** Enjoys the outdoors, photography, woodworking, and travel (he has traveled to the Galapagos Islands, Costa Rica, and Nepal).

**Admission:** Admitted to Calif. Bar Jan. 14, 1959; to U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, in 1959; to U.S. Dist. Court, Southern Dist. [now Central and Southern Districts] of Calif., in 1959; and to U.S. Supreme Court in Oct. 1983; also admitted to U.S. Dist. Court, Northern Dist. of Calif., and to U.S. Dist. Court, Eastern Dist. of Calif.

**Political Affiliation/Religion:** Republican