

WOODS, Arleigh Maddox

RETIRED JUDGE, COURT OF APPEAL, Second Appellate District, Division Four

Other Judicial Office: Presiding Justice, Division Four 1982-96; Administrative Presiding Justice, Calif. Court of Appeal, Second District (the first African-American woman in the country to be appointed to a state court of appeal), 1984-87; Associate Justice, 1980-82; Judge, Los Angeles Superior Court, 1976-80; Civil Trials and Settlement Judge; Supervising Judge, North Central District (the first female supervising judge in Los Angeles Superior Court), 1978-80; Direct calendaring pilot for fast track: Gen. Civil Trials, Law & Motion, Settlements, Family Law & Probate 1977-80.

Past Employment: Civil Trial Practice: Partner, Levy Koszdin & Woods, 1962-76.

Memberships/Awards: Member: Chair, Commission on Judicial Performance (the first woman to chair the Calif. Commission on Judicial Performance), 1986-93. Former member: Board of Directors, American Cancer Research Foundation; Vice President, Board of Directors, Constitutional Rights Foundation. Recipient: Selected as one of the “Top 20 Mediators” in Calif., *Daily Journal*; Westside Business and Professional Woman of the Year, 1982; Appellate Justice of the Year, CTLA, 1983; Professional Woman of the Year, YMCA Silver Medallist Award, 1984; Honored by Black Women Lawyers Assn., as Pioneer, 1984; Honorary Doctor of Law, LL.D., University of West Los Angeles, 1984; Life Commitment Award, Equal Opportunity League, 1985; Bernard Jefferson Award for Judicial Excellence, Calif. Assn. of Black Lawyers, 1985; Outstanding Judicial Officer, Southwestern University School of Law, 1987; Appellate Justice of the Year, Los Angeles Trial Lawyers Assn., 1990; Hall of Fame Award, John M. Langston, 1995; American Bar Assn. Award, Aug. 1995; Judicial Achievements Award, Consumer Attorneys of Calif., Nov. 1995; Listed in *Who’s Who* Among American Women, and in the International World Edition.

Teaching/Lectures/Panelist: Lecturer at various CEB, Legal and Judicial seminars on Civil Law, Discovery, and Writs. Guest lecturer at U.S.C., Southwestern University and Loyola University.

Publications: Author of several hundred published opinions while on the Court of Appeal; as an attorney, published in the fields of legal medicine, consumer rights, industrial health & safety, and legal ethics. An author of the Original Appellate Court Practice Manual for Law Clerks of the Second District.

Education: L.L.M., University of Virginia; L.L.B., Southwestern University School of Law; B.A., Chapman College.

Admission: At the age of 22, Judge Woods was the youngest woman ever to be admitted to the Calif. Bar, 1953.