

**CORNELL, Dennis A. [Allison]**

JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, Fifth Appellate District

**Appointment/Election:** Appointed [succeeding Judge George C. Barrett, retired) by Governor Wilson Jan. 13, 1992 (oath Jan. 31, 1992). Elected in 1992 (opposed), and re-elected in 1998.

**Other Judicial Office:** United States Magistrate Judge (part-time), United States District Court, Eastern District of California, April 7, 1986 (date of appointment and oath) to Jan. 31, 1992 (date of resignation), appointed to 4-year term in 1986 and reappointed to 4-year term in 1990.

**Past Employment:** Private law practice, Merced, Calif., 1972-92 (sole practitioner, handling family law and business litigation, 1990-92; partner, Allen, Cornell, Folgar & Proietti, and its predecessors, 1975-90; and partner, Sharrow, Cornell & Marks, 1972-75). Certified Specialist in Family Law, 1980.

**Memberships/Awards:** Member: Calif. Judges Assn., 1992-; Cow County Judges Assn., 1992-2000; American Judicature Society, circa 1974-92; Calif. Trial Lawyers Assn., circa 1974-80; and Merced County Bar Assn., 1973-92 (President, 1979). Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 1982—. Former member, Commission on Judicial Performance, Jan. 1, 1989 through Jan. 31, 1992. Vice President (1987-88) and member (1985-88), Board of Governors, State Bar of Calif., elected from Dist. 5. Lawyer-Delegate, Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, 1984-86. Past President (1974-75) and member, Board of Trustees (1973-76), Merced Legal Services Assn. Served as member, Calif. State Bar's Executive Committee, Conference of Delegates, 1980-83; and Executive Committee, Family Law Section, 1979-80.

**Education:** J.D. (1972, with Honors), George Washington Univ. School of Law, Washington, D.C.; B.A. (1969, Political Science), Stanford Univ., Palo Alto, Calif.

**Personal:** Born Aug. 24, 1947; Merced, Calif.; Married. One daughter.

**Interests:** Enjoys playing golf and softball, running, and spending time with his family.

**Admission:** Admitted to Calif. Bar, to U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit, and to U.S. Dist. Court, Eastern Dist. of Calif., Dec. 14, 1972; and to U.S. Supreme Court March 8, 1976.

**Political Affiliation:** Democrat