



Nora M. Manella

Presiding Justice, Division Four

May 22, 2006 to January 31, 2023

Born in Los Angeles, California

EDUCATION

J.D. – University of Southern California, 1975

B.A. – Wellesley College, 1972

State Bar Admission: January 1976

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

Presiding Justice, California Court of Appeal, Second District, Division 4
August 23, 2018 – January 31, 2023, Appointed by Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

Associate Justice, California Court of Appeal, Second District, Division 4
May 22, 2006 – August 23, 2018, Appointed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger

United States District Judge, U.S. District Court, Central District of California, Appointed by Pres. William Jefferson Clinton 1998 – 2006

Judge, Superior Court, County of Los Angeles 1992 – 1994, appointed by Gov. Pete Wilson

Judge, Municipal Court, County of Los Angeles 1990 – 1992, appointed by Gov. George Deukmejian

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

United States Attorney of the Central District of California, 1994 – 1998, appointed by President William Jefferson Clinton.

Assistant United States Attorney of the Central District of California, 1982 – 1990.

Associate, O'Melveny & Myers, Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles, 1978 – 1982

Legal Counsel to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, United States Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington, D.C., 1976 – 1978

Law Clerk for the Honorable John Minor Wisdom, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, 1975 – 1976

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- **2014:** Career Achievement Award, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Criminal Justice Section
- **2000:** Federal Judge of the Year, Century City Bar Association, Criminal Section
- **2000:** Wellesley College Alumna Achievement Award
- **1995:** Ernestine Stahlhut Award, Women Lawyers of Los Angeles
- 50 Most Influential Women Lawyers in the United States, *National Law Journal*
- 100 Most Powerful Lawyers in California, *Daily Journal*