



Thomas L. Willhite, Jr.

Associate Justice, Division Four
April 4, 2005 to January 31, 2023

Born and raised in Southern California

EDUCATION

J.D. – Loyola University School of Law, 1979

B.A. – University of California at Los Angeles, 1976

State Bar Admission: November 1979

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Justice, California Court of Appeal, Second District, Division 4
April 4, 2005 - January 31, 2023, Appointed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger

Judge, Los Angeles Superior Court
1990 - 2005, Appointed by Gov. Pete Wilson

Judge, Superior Court, County of Los Angeles 1997- 2005

Judge, Municipal Court, County of Los Angeles 1990 - 1997

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

California Attorney General's Office: Deputy Attorney General, Criminal Law Division, (1980 to 1990)

Criminal Prosecutor, Supervising Deputy and Capital Case Coordinator. Oversaw and prosecuted death penalty appeals from the Counties of Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo.