

EPSTEIN, Norman L.

PRESIDING JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, Second Appellate District, Division Four

Appointment/Election: Appointed [succeeding Associate Justice Eugene McClosky, retired] by Governor Deukmejian March 14, 1990, confirmed by Commission on Judicial Appointments April 12, 1990 (oath same day). Confirmed by electorate Nov. 6, 1990, reconfirmed by electorate Nov. 8, 1994 to 12-year term commencing Jan. 3, 1995 and reconfirmed by electorate Nov. 7, 2006 to another 12-year term.

Other Judicial Office: Judge, Superior Court, Los Angeles County, March 13, 1980 (date of oath) to April 12, 1990. Appointed to newly-created position by Governor Brown Jr. March 11, 1980, and elected in 1982 and 1988. Member, court's Executive Committee, 1987 (elected), CALJIC Committee, and BAJI Committee. Served as Associate Justice *pro tempore*, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Five. March-Oct. 1987; and Division One, Jan.-March 1986 and Jan.-Feb. 1980. Judge, Municipal Court, Los Angeles Judicial District, Los Angeles County, Jan. 6, 1975 by Governor Reagan. Assistant Presiding Judge, 1980. Founded court's Landlord-Tenant Division. Served as member of Municipal Court's Executive Committee, and as Chair of Municipal Court Committees on Personnel Seminar, Appointment of Counsel for Indigent Defendants, and Economical Litigation Project (ELP); Judicial Council of California, 2001-04.

Past Employment: Vice Chancellor and General Counsel (first). Calif. State University and Colleges 1962-75. Deputy Attorney General, Calif. State Dept. of Justice, 1959-62 (held assignments in criminal law, consumer affairs, education, public welfare, and tax litigation).

Memberships/Awards: Member: American Bar Association (1975-); American Law Institute (1994-); Calif. Judges Assn., 1975- (Executive Board, 1989-90); Calif. Judicial Council's Advisory Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution (1991; Chair) and on Gender Bias in the Courts (1987-88); Standing Advisory Committee on Civil Law and Small Claims (1992-98), Criminal Law, 1998-2001 (chair); Los Angeles County Bar Assn., 1959-; Lawyers Club of Los Angeles, 1959-; Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity, 1955-; National Assn. of College and University Attorneys. 1962- (Life member, 1975-; President, 1973-74; Executive Board, 1965-75); and UCLA Law Alumni Assn., 1965- (President, 1976-77; Board of Directors, 1975, 1999-2003; Dean's Counsel, 1965). Fellow: American Bar Foundation (1997-). Former member: Governing Committee, CJER, 1987-90 (Chair, 1990; Vice Chair, 1989); Calif. Judicial Council's Advisory Committee on Economical Litigation Project, 1980- 82; Calif. Judicial Council, 2001-04; Municipal Court Judges Assn. of Los Angeles County, 1975-81 (Vice Chair, Marshal Committee, 1976-78); Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission. 1975-78; Chancellor's Associates, Calif. State University and Colleges, 1975; and Equal Employment Opportunity Task Force, American Council on Education, 1973-75. Recipient: Jurist of the Year Award by Judicial Council of California (2007); Beacon of Justice Council for Friends of Los Angeles County Law Library. 2005; Lifetime Achievement Award by Criminal Justice

Section of L.A. County Bar Assn. 2005; Bernard Witkin Medal, Awarded by State Bar of Calif. Board of Governors for Lifetime Distinguished Contribution to the Law, 2001; Named Person of the Year (1994) by Metropolitan News-Enterprise. A Los Angeles legal newspaper (award presented in Jan. 1995); 1994 Emil Gumpert Judicial ADR Award from Dispute Resolutions Services, Inc. (the ADR arm of the Los Angeles County Bar Assn.); Roger J. Traynor Memorial Award as Appellate Justice of the Year (1993) from Los Angeles Trial Lawyers Assn.; President's Award (1988), from Calif. Judges Assn. (Association's highest) L.A. County Bar Assn.; Trial Jurist of the Year Award, (1987-88); Bernard Jefferson Award (1982 and 1998) for Distinguished Contribution to Judicial Education; named UCLA Law Alumnus of the Year (1970); Ronald M. George Award for Judicial Excellence. Beverly Hills Bar Association (2012).

Teaching/Lectures/Panelist: Dean (1981-83), Associate Dean (1980-81), and faculty (1978-2002), Calif. Judicial College (CJER), Berkeley. Faculty: Calif. Continuing Judicial Studies Program ("CJSP") (Mid-Career Judges College) (CJER), 1983; and CJER Institutes, 1981-. Lecturer in Law. Univ. of Southern Calif. Law Center. L.A., 1989, 90. Lecturer, The Rutter Group, ABTL, Calif. Judges Assn., CJER and others. Visiting Professor: Calif. State Univ., Northridge, 1973; and Calif. State Univ., L.A., 1968.

Publications: Co-author (with B.E. Witkin), *California Criminal Law* (3d ed, 2000). Author: *Digest of California Criminal Cases* (CEB, 1977-80, published semi-annually). Editor, "Case and Commentary", a monthly newsletter published by Calif. Judges Assn., 1978-. Co-author (with Associate Justice H. Walter Croskey), feature column, "Cases to Note", *The California Bench*, since 1979, co-author (with W. Wegner, R. Fairbanks and E. Chernow), *Civil Trials and Evidence* (The Rutter Group).

Noteworthy Cases: Significant decisions authored by Justice Epstein while serving as Associate Justice *pro tempore* include: *Rosenfeld, Meyer & Susman v. Cohen*, (1987) 191 Cal. App.3d 1035 (discussing rights and obligations of parties dissolving at-will partnership); *Chadwick v. Superior Court*, (1980) 106 Cal.App.3d 108, 164 Cal.Rptr. 864 (holding district attorney's office need not be recused from all public defender cases because former deputy public defender had joined district attorney's office) . Significant decisions authored while a member of the Court of Appeals include: *Collier v. Superior Court*, (1991) 228 Cal.App. 3d 1117; *Skarbrevik v. Cohen, England & Whitfield*, (1991) 231 Cal.App.3d 692; *People v. Moore*, (1982) 8 Cal.App.4th 1436; *Tan v. Goddard*, (1993) 13 Cal.App.4th 1628; *Hing v. Wang*, (1992) 8 Cal.App.4th 908; *Marriage of Zierenberg*, (1992) 11 Cal.App.4th 1436; *Comm. Nat. Bank v. Superior Court*, (1993) 14 Cal.App.4th 393; *Harris v. Billings*, (1993) 16 Cal.App.4th 396; *Brizante v. Huang*, (1993) 20 Cal. App.4th 1569; *People v. Bay*, (1993) 21 Cal.App.4th 1623; *Rifkind v. Superior Court*, (1994) 22 Cal.App.4th 1255; *Angeles Electric v. Superior Court*, (1994) 22 Cal.App.4th 426; *Meighan v. Shore*, (1995) 34 Cal.App.4th 1025; *Ziello v. Superior Court*, (1995) 36 Cal.App.4th 321; *Cho v. Superior Court*, (1995) 39 Cal.App.4th 113.

Education: LL.D. (1995, honorary), University of West Los Angeles School of Law, Los Angeles, Calif. and Calif. State University (1999); LL.B. (1958), Univ. of Calif., Los Angeles School of Law; B.A. (1955, Political Science). Univ. of Calif., Los Angeles; Graduate (1951), Fairfax High School, Los Angeles.

Personal: Born April 9, 1933; Los Angeles, Calif.; Married. Two children.

Interests: Enjoys bicycling and reading.

Admission: Admitted to Calif. Bar Jan. 14, 1959.