

HUFFMAN, Richard D.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, Fourth Appellate District, Division One

Appointment/Election: Appointed [succeeding Associate Justice Edward T. Butler, retired], by Governor Deukmejian Aug. 12, 1988, confirmed by commission on Judicial Appointments Oct. 13, 1988, oath same day, confirmed by electorate to four-year term Nov. 6, 1990, reconfirmed by electorate Nov. 8, 1994 to 12-year term commencing Jan. 3, 1995, and reconfirmed again by electorate Nov. 7, 2006 to a 12-year term commencing Jan. 2, 2007.

Other Judicial Office: Judge, Superior Court, San Diego County, May 10, 1985 (date of oath) to Oct. 13, 1988, appointed to newly-created position by Governor Deukmejian May 1, 1985, and elected in 1986 (unopposed).

Past Employment: Assistant District Attorney (1981-85) and Chief Deputy District Attorney (1971-81), San Diego County (prosecuted a number of highly publicized cases including prosecution of Robert Alton Harris for murder of 2 San Diego teenagers in 1978). Deputy Attorney General, Calif. State Dept. of Justice, 1966-71 (served as head of organized crime section in southern Calif.). Deputy County Counsel, Los Angeles County, 1967; Worked in aerospace industry while attending law school.

Memberships/Awards: Member: Calif. Judges Assn., 1985—; Judicial Council, State of Calif., 1996—; Honorary Diplomat, American Board of Trial Advocates; San Diego County Judges Assn., 1985—; and San Diego County Bar Assn., 1971— (Vice President, 1981-83). Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers, 1985—. Former member, Calif. District Attorneys Assn., 1975-85. Named “Professor of the Year” (1990-91) by Univ. of San Diego School of Law; “Trial Judge of the Year” (1988) by San Diego Trial Lawyers Assn.; and “Prosecutor of the Year” (1984) by Calif. District Attorneys Assn.

Teaching/Lectures/Panelist: Faculty, Calif. Continuing Judicial Studies Program (“CJSP”) (Mid Career Judges College) (CJER), 1988-92 AND 1982-86. Adjunct Professor (Criminal Law and Procedure and Mental Defenses), Univ. of San Diego, San Diego, 1972—. Director/faculty member, (Comparative Criminal Law), Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, 1990; Faculty member, Oxford Univ., England, 1985 and director/faculty member, Oxford Univ. England, 2002 (part of Univ. of San Diego’s exchange program). Director, Center for Criminal Justice Policy & Management, Univ. of San Diego, 1979-85.

Education: J.D. (1965), Univ. of Southern Calif. Law Center, Los Angeles, Calif.; B.A. (1961), Calif. State Univ., Long Beach, Calif.

Personal: Born Jan. 10, 1939; Los Angeles, Calif.

Admission: Admitted to Calif. Bar Jan. 5, 1966