

BARON, Elizabeth A.

RETIRED ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, Second Appellate District, Division Four

Appointment/Election: Nominated by Governor Wilson March 13, 1996, confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments on April 8, 1996. Retired June 30, 1998. Administrative Law Judge *pro tempore*, 2000—.

Other Judicial Office: Justice *pro tempore*, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate Dist., May-Sept. 1993. Judge, Superior Court, Los Angeles County. Appointed [succeeding Judge, Stanley Malone Jr., retired] by Governor Wilson (oath Jan. 4, 1992). Supervising Judge, Los Angeles Superior Court, South Central Dist., Judge, Municipal Court, Los Angeles Judicial Dist., Jan. 5, 1990 (date of oath), to Jan. 21, 1992. Appointed to newly-created position by Governor Deukmejian on Dec. 24, 1989, and elected in 1990 (unopposed). Commissioner, Superior Court, Los Angeles County, May 26, 1986 (date of appointment) to Jan. 5, 1990. Appointed by judges of court. Juvenile Court Referee, same court, May 1, 1984 to May 26, 1986.

Past Employment: Private law practice (specializing in criminal felony and juvenile dependency matters): Partner, Solo & Baron, June, 1982 to May, 1984. Deputy Attorney General, Calif. State Dept. of Justice (Criminal Division), Oct., 1977 to June 1982; Law Clerk: Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office; May - Oct. 1977. Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office (summer 1976); and private law practice, 1975. Licensed real estate salesperson (1972). Worked as property and business manager during first year of law school. Worked for 15 years as a fashion model with Mary Webb Davis Agency, 1962-75. Acted at Pasadena Playhouse, Aug. 1958 to May 1959.

Memberships/Awards: Member; Planning Committee, (CJER) Continuing Jurisprudence Studies Program, 1996; L.A. Superior Court Judicial Orientation & Continuing Education Committee, 1993-96; Chair, Los Angeles Superior Court Committee on Continuing Judicial Education-Criminal, 1995-96; Judicial Mentor, CJER Mentor Program, 1994-96; National Assn. of Women Judges, member, Program and Newsletter Committees, 1986—; Calif. Judges Assn., member of Annual Seminar Committee, 1986—; Women Lawyers of L.A. Former Member: Chair CJA, Annual Meeting, 1994. Committee for Standardized Instructions (CALJIC), 1993-96; Municipal Court's Executive Committee, 1990; Juvenile Court Dependency Panel; Municipal Court Judges Assn. of L.A. County, 1990-92 (member, Rules Committee, 1990-91); Calif. Court Commissioners Assn., 1986-90, Board of Director, 1988-89); Calif. Women Lawyers, 1982-92; Los Angeles County Bar Assn., 1977-86 (Chair, Sexual Assault Legislation Committee), 1983-

85; Youth & Rights Dependency Committee, 1984-86; Criminal Courts Bar Assn., 1982-91 (Board of Directors, 1984); Juvenile Courts Bar Assn. 1982-86; San Fernando Valley Women Lawyers, 1982-84; Calif. State Bar Commission on Corrections, 1980-82; Assn. of Calif. State Attorneys, 1980-82, (Board of Directors), 1981-82. Formerly provided pro bono legal advice to Animal Rights groups, including Mercy Crusade. Recipient “Bernard E. Jefferson Award” by CJA for exceptional contribution to judicial education, 1996; Recipient Mayor’s, “Certificate of Recognition” for service to the City of Los Angeles, 1980. Recipient: American Jurisprudence Award 1976, 1974-75; and West Hornbook Award for Highest Scholastic Achievement in Law School, 1975, 1976.

Teaching/Lectures/Panelist: Presented Bernard E. Witkin Lecture, Judicial College, June 1997; Calif. Judges Assn. Education and Planning Committee, 1995—. Faculty Co-Team Leader, (CJER) Continuing Jurisprudence Studies Program-Criminal Law, 1994; Municipal Court Judges Assn. Annual Conference, “Discovery under Proposition 115 in Misdemeanor Cases,” 1991; CEB Program, “Recent Developments in Criminal Law Practice,” 1991; Municipal and Justice Courts Institute (CJER), “Discovery under Proposition 115 in Misdemeanor Cases,” 1990; CJA Annual Meeting, “DUI Update, 1990; Beverly Hills Bar Assn., “Future of Criminal Law,” 1988. Seminar Leader: CJC (CJER), 1991 (Municipal and Justice Courts”). Guest Lecturer: Juvenile Law & Procedures Seminar (CJER), Berkeley, 1987 and 1986; Juvenile Court Bar Assn. Seminar re Expert Witnesses, 1985; USC Seminar, “Insanity and Mentally Disordered Sex Offenders”. Served as guest speaker on Women’s rights, employment discrimination, and lawyering as a career option for women at a number of seminars sponsored by NOW, and at various high schools, colleges, and universities including (UCLA, USC, and Calif. State Univ. Fullerton). Consultant: National Summit Conference on Sexual Child Abuse, Oct. 18-20, 1985. Instructor: Bar Review Course, “Constitutional Law and Legal Writing Method, 1984”; Child Advocates Office, Training of Pro Bono Attorneys, 1984.

Publications: Co-author: Business Litigation Supplements to *California Civil Practice Guide*, (West Group); Co-author: “Preparing the Adult Victim as a witness at Trial: The Prosecutorial Response,” published in Los Angeles County Protocol for the Treatment of Rape and Other Sexual Assaults, 1980-81.

Noteworthy Cases: Significant Appellate cases authored by Justice Baron, include: *Siegel v. Fidelity National Title Ins. Co.*, (June 26, 1996) Cal.App. [96 Daily Journal D.A.R. 7609]; *Marriage of Braendle*, (June 24, 1996) Cal.App.4th [96 Dailey Journal D.A.R. 7435]; *People v. Joe Hunt*, (unpub. Nov. 23, 1993) [referred to in the media as “The Billionaire Boys Club Case”]. Significant cases litigated by Justice Baron or in which she appeared as attorney of record, include: *People v. Thompson*, (Los Angeles Superior Court No.: A802058) (secured

dismissal of defendant charged with sophisticated real estate bunco scheme who had been identified by five eyewitness/victims); *People v. Cabbage*, (Los Angeles Superior Court No.: A565401) (retained to limit if possible maximum sentence of man charged with 21 counts of sexually molesting his step-daughter, maximum sentence possible, 59 years, sentence imposed, 6 years; Some published decisions in which Justice Baron appeared as the Appellate Attorney for the State of California include: *People v. Poggi*, (1980) 107 Cal.App.3d 581, 165 Cal.Rptr. 758; *People v. Lakey*, (1980) 102 Cal.App.3d 962, 162 Cal.Rptr. 653; *People v. Hurt*, (1979) 90 Cal.App.3d 974, 153 Cal.Rptr. 755. *In Re Rojas*, (1979) 17 Cal.3d 152 [151 Cal.Rptr.649, 588 P.2d 789} ; *People v. De Anda*, (1989) 114 Cal.App.3d 480 (1982) 136 Cal.App 3d 733 [186 Cal.Rptr.409].

Education: J.D. (1976, summa cum laude, Valedictorian). San Fernando Valley College of Law, Woodland Hills, Calif.; Attended Los Angeles Valley College, North Hollywood, Calif., 1961-62 (evenings); and Univ. of Calif. Los Angeles (Westwood) 1969 (Extension); Graduate (winter 1958) Santa Monica High School, Santa Monica.

Personal: Born May 8, 1941; New York City, New York; Married. One child.

Admission: Admitted June 28, 1977.