

DONDERO, Robert Louis

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

Appointment/Election: Appointed [succeeding Judge Jack K. Berman, retired] by Governor Wilson Aug. 25, 1993 (oath Sept. 7, 1993), and elected in 1994 (unopposed). Assistant Presiding Judge, Jan. 1, 2003-Dec. 31, 2004. Elected Presiding Judge of San Francisco Superior Courts, Jan. 1, 2005-Dec. 31, 2006. Appointment to Court of Appeal confirmed on July 30, 2009.

Other Judicial Office: Judge, Municipal Court, San Francisco Judicial District, City & County of San Francisco. Appointed [succeeding Judge Lee D. Baxter, elevated] by Governor Wilson Jan. 22, 1992 (oath Jan. 27, 1992).

Past Employment: Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Northern Dist. of Calif., San Francisco, 1978-92. Deputy District Attorney, City & County of San Francisco, 1971-78.

Memberships/Awards: Fellow, American Board of Criminal Trial Lawyers, 1989–. Member: Calif. Judges Assn., 1992–; Italian-American Bar Assn., San Francisco, 1992–; St. Thomas More Society, San Francisco, 1992–; Delegate to Turkey, Israel, Egypt, India with the Institute for Study and Development of Legal Systems. Recipient: Trial Judge of the Year, San Francisco Trial Lawyers Assn, 2004; Trial Judge of the Year, San Francisco Barristers Assn., 2005; Judge of the Year, Italian American Bar Assn., 2006; St. Thomas More Award, 2009.

Teaching/Lectures/Panelist: Instructor, Criminal Law, San Francisco Law School, 1990-2007.

Education: J.D. (1970), Univ. of Calif., Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law (Moot Court Board); B.A. (1967, History), Univ. of Santa Clara [now Santa Clara Univ.], Santa Clara, Calif. (member, student government); Graduate (1963), Riordan High School, San Francisco.

Personal: Born Oct. 9, 1945; San Francisco, Calif.; Married. Two daughters.

Interests: Enjoys reading, hiking, and travel.

Admission: Admitted to Calif. Bar Jan. 7, 1971; to U.S. Dist. Court, Northern Dist. of Calif., in Jan. 1971; and to U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, in Feb. 1978.

Political Affiliation: Republican.