



Steven Z. Perren

Associate Justice, Division Six
November 9, 1999 to July 31, 2022

Born in Los Angeles, California

EDUCATION

J.D. – UCLA, School of Law, 1967

B.A. – UCLA, 1964

State Bar Admission: December 1967

U.S. Dist. Court, Central Dist. of Calif.: November 1976

U.S. Supreme Court: June 1979

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Justice, California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division 6
November 9, 1999 – July 31, 2022, Appointed by Gov. Gray Davis

Judge, Superior Court, County of Ventura

Jan. 2, 1983 – Nov. 9, 1999, Appointed by Gov. Edmund Gerald Brown Jr.

Presiding Judge, Superior Court, County of Ventura

1992 – 1993

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Partner, Ghitterman, Hourigan, Grossman, Finestone & Perren, 1976-1982

Associate and Partner Benton, Orr, Duval & Buckingham, 1972-1976

Deputy District Attorney Ventura County, 1969-1972

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

U.S. Army: 1967-1969 (CONUS and Vietnam). Recipient, Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medal

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- **2015**: Constitutional Rights Foundation, Advocate Award for founding and coordinating the Ventura County Mock Trial competition (1984 – 1998) and his continuing service to CRF
- **2010**: Hero for Justice Award, Santa Barbara County Legal Aid Foundation
- **2007**: California Judges Association Alba Witkin Humanitarian Award
- **2006**: President, UCLA Law Alumni Association
- **2003**: UCLA Law Alumni of the Year, Community and Public Service
- **2002**: Honorary Doctor of Law, California Lutheran University
- **2001**: The Justice Steven Z. Perren Juvenile Justice Complex, named by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors in recognition of his five years of service as the Juvenile Delinquency Judge and his leadership in bringing the project to fruition.
- **1993-1994**: Vice President, California Judges Association
- **1984, 1998**: Ventura County Trial Judge of the Year

INTERESTS

Has performed as a vocalist in local and regional Musical Theater and Opera; Performs with the LA Lawyers Philharmonic.