

Hon. Robert M. Mallano

Justice Mallano, born in Los Angeles, was confirmed as an Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Division One, in 2000. He was made Presiding Justice of Division One in 2008. Before that he was on the Los Angeles Superior Court for twenty years and on the South Bay (Torrance) Municipal Court for two years.

After graduating from Mt. Carmel High School in Los Angeles, he attended Yale University on a scholarship, where he lettered in varsity football, and Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley, where he was an associate editor of the law review and a member of Order of the Coif. He also studied law in Rome.

He served as a Deputy District Attorney in Los Angeles County for three years and engaged in the private practice of law for eleven years before being appointed to the bench in 1978.

He was elected Presiding Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court by his peers. He served as a member of the Judicial Council and of the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics.

He was one of the founding members of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Educational Foundation organized to support local public schools on the Palos Verdes Peninsula and was a member of the Los Angeles Orphanage ("Maryvale") Advisory Board from 1972 to June 2010.

He has received the Federated Italo-Americans of Southern California 1994 Columbian Award, the Boalt Hall Alumni Association 1995 Distinguished Service Award and the California Judicial Council 1996 Jurist of the Year Award.

Married to Kathleen Baker Mallano, a former public-school teacher, they have four children and seven grandchildren. He enjoys cycling, fly-fishing, and literature.