

NEAL, Richard Caldwell

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

Appointment/Election: Appointed to newly-created position by Governor Wilson Feb. 27, 1997, confirmed by Commission on Judicial Appointments, April 15, 1997 (oath same day). Returned for 12 year term in 1998, retention election. Retired Feb. 12, 2001 and joined JAMS. Currently working full time at JAMS as mediator, arbitrator, and special master.

Other Judicial Office: Judge, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Jan. 1992-April 1997. Appointed [succeeding Judge Eugene J. Long, retired] by Governor Wilson Jan. 15, 1992 (oath Jan. 24, 1992), and elected in 1992 (unopposed).

Past Employment: Private law practice (concentrating on business torts and contract and antitrust matters), Los Angeles, Calif., 1973-92 (partner, Pettit & Martin, 1985-92; associate, and then partner, Lawler, Felix & Hall, 1973-85 [now Arter & Hadden]; Instructor (English), Charles Wright Academy, Tacoma, Washington, 1969-70.

Memberships/Awards: Member: Calif. Judges Assn., 1992—; Los Angeles County Bar Assn., 1973— (Executive Committee, Litigation Section, 1994-99); Federalist Society, 1987—; Chair, Alternate Dispute Resolution Committee, Los Angeles Superior Court, 1994-96; Board of Directors, Dispute Resolution Services, 1996-99; Board of Directors, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Alliance, 1992-96; Board of Directors, Foundation for Infant Botulism Research, 1993—. Recipient: “Constitutional Rights Foundation Judge of the Year,” 1996; and “Judicial Alternate Dispute Resolution Award,” from Dispute Resolution Services, Los Angeles County Bar, 1997. Rated “Exceptionally Well Qualified” for Court of Appeal by Judicial Nominations Evaluation Commission.

Teaching/Lectures/Panelist: Lecturer on various legal topics, including Civil Procedure and Alternate Dispute Resolution, CJER (Calif. Judicial Education and Research), Calif. Judicial Council, Calif. Judges Assn., Los Angeles County Bar Assn., ABTL (Assn. of Business Trial Lawyers), and The Rutter Group; Chair, Rutter Group/Calif. Judges Assn. joint seminars on employment litigation, 1999-2001; testimony in Calif. Senate and Assembly Judiciary Committees and before Judicial Council of Calif. re various civil justice legislation.

Education: J.D. (1973), Univ. of Calif., Boalt Hall School of Law, Berkeley, Calif.; B.A. (1969, cum laude, English Literature), Harvard Univ., Cambridge, Mass.

Personal: Born April 10, 1947; San Francisco, Calif.; son of Phil C. Neal, former Dean, Univ. of Chicago Law School; Married to Barbara A. Reeves, Esq. (Associate General Counsel, Edison International and Southern California Edison). Six sons.

Interests: Enjoys piano, reading, backpacking, skiing, scuba diving, running, and bicycling.

Admission: Admitted to Calif. Bar Dec. 20, 1973.

Political Affiliation/Religion: Republican; Presbyterian.