



**Hon. Roy L. Paul (Ret.)**

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Hon. Roy Paul (Ret.) brings four decades of experience as an attorney and judge and a passion for working with people to conquer complex problems in resolving family law disputes.

**Bio**

Judge Roy Paul (Ret.) served as a judicial officer for over 26 years, including 17 years on the Los Angeles County Superior Court, where he oversaw probate, family law, admiralty, personal injury and civil litigation matters. Over his decades of service on the bench, Judge Paul has earned a reputation for his diligence, preparation, compassion and ability to work with all parties to achieve positive outcomes in bitterly contested disputes.

While presiding over family law matters, Judge Paul developed mutually beneficial solutions in a wide range of matters involving custody, visitation, property distribution, and support. Seeing a need for change in California's family law code, Judge Paul was instrumental in formulating and advocating for the enactment of Family Code 3401.5, a California state law provision that gives family court judges the authority to order parents requesting child custody or visitation rights to undergo drug or alcohol testing, when deemed appropriate.

Judge Paul also presided over complex probate litigation, where he resolved matters involving elder abuse and undue influence allegations, breach of fiduciary duty disputes, challenging conservatorship and guardianship issues, and disputes relating to wills and trusts proceedings.

As the only judge presiding over the Los Angeles Superior Court Beacon Street Annex in San Pedro, Judge Paul oversaw numerous admiralty and maritime lawsuits, including those involving the Jones Act, the Longshore Act, cargo, railroads, port operations, trucking, and death at high seas.

Before joining the bench, Judge Paul served clients as a solo practitioner, working across a spectrum of practice areas since being admitted to practice in California in 1978.

# SIGNATURE

RESOLUTION FAMILY LAW

Judge Paul also served in the Navy, was a city councilman and mayor in two different Southern California cities, elected to Mayor of Bell Gardens in 1983 and Mayor of Downey in 1990. He has also served on the California Board of Behavioral Science Examiners and the Consumer Affairs Bureau of Collection & Investigative Services.

## EXPERIENCE

- The Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, **Judge** (Presiding Judge - 1996) (2000-2018)
- Downey Municipal Court, **Founding Partner** (1994-2000)
- Downey Municipal Court, **Court Commissioner** (1991-1994)
- Roy Paul, Esq., **Attorney** (1978-1991)
- Navy/Naval Reserve, **Lieutenant Commander (Ret.)** (1971-1994)
- City of Downey, **Mayor and City Councilman** (1986-1991)
- City of Bell Gardens, **Mayor and City Councilman** (1980-1984)

## ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, **Trial Judge of the Year**(2015)
- Long Beach Bar Association, **Justice Sandy Lucas Judicial Award of the Year** (2011)
- The Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, **Executive Committee** (2007-2018)
- Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs, **Judicial Leadership Award** (2006)
- American Academy of Matrimonial Attorneys, **Judges Award** (2002)
- Southeast Bar Association, **Judge of the Year** (2001)
- Department of the Navy, **Navy Achievement Medal** (1994)
- Department of the Navy, **Airborne Gold Parachute Wings** (1975)
- **Vietnam Service Medal** (1971)

## EDUCATION & TRAINING

- *Civil Mediation Certificate*, The National Judicial College
- *J.D.*, Thomas Jefferson School of Law (formerly Western State University)
- *B.A.*, University of Southern California

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