



Hon. Thomas Trent Lewis (Ret.)

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Hon. Thomas Trent Lewis (Ret.) joins Signature Resolution as a mediator and arbitrator after 14 years on the Los Angeles Superior Court. He specializes in resolving family law disputes.

Bio

From 2016 until his retirement, Judge Lewis served as the supervising judge for the Los Angeles County Family Law Division where he oversaw the operations of nearly 70 family law departments in the county. From 2014 to 2016 he served in a long cause family law trial department in Los Angeles; he was Assistant Supervising Judge of the Family Law Division from 2011 to 2014. Judge Lewis served in a regular family law department from 2006 until 2014.

Judge Lewis joined Rehwald, Rameson, Lewis & Glasner as a principal attorney in 1980. He became a name partner in 1984 and stayed with the firm until 2006, when he was appointed to the bench.

He became a Certified Family Law Specialist in 1985, inducted into the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) in 1987 and inducted as a fellow of the International Academy of Family Law in 2016.

Judge Lewis is a past president of the California Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. He is also a contributing author of The Rutter Group's California Practice Guide: Family Law and serves as Program Director for CFLR for the update program, the advanced family law program, the basic training program, the evidence programs, and the expert series programs.

Attorneys say Judge Lewis' expertise gives him the credibility necessary to help lawyers move their cases forward. His patience, knowledge and dedication to the parties makes him respected by both sides of the aisle.

EXPERIENCE

- Los Angeles County Superior Court, **Judge** (2006 – 2019)
- Rehwald, Rameson & Smith, **Partner** (1980 – 2006)
- Freeman & Freeman LLP, **Associate** (1978 – 1980)

ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS & MEMBERSHIPS

- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Outstanding Jurist Award, Southern California Chapter (2010)
- LACBA Family Law Section Spencer Brandeis Award (2015)
- Southern California Inn of Courts, Outstanding Jurist Award (2016)
- California Lawyer's Association Family Law Judge of the Year Award (2018)
- Association of Family Law Specialist (ACFLS) Hall of Fame Award (2018)

EDUCATION

- *J.D.*, La Verne College of Law
- *B.A.*, UCLA *cum laude*

PRESS

- ["Family law and resilience: A time to carry on" – Daily Journal \(May 20, 2020\)](#)
- ["Applying People V. Sanchez to Experts in Family Law Cases" – ACFLS \(Winter, 2019\)](#)
- ["Is the Minimum Really Good Enough?" - ACFLS \(Summer, 2019\)](#)
- ["Retroactivity of Family Code Section 70" - ACFLS \(Winter, 2017\)](#)
- ["It Ain't Me" - Los Angeles Lawyer \(Sept. 2012\)](#)