

JUDGE SCOTT M. GORDON (RET.)



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019–present: Signature Resolution

Serves as a mediator, Judge Pro Tem and neutral at Signature Resolution. Handles all manner of family law matters including complex financial, custody and in international custody cases.

2002-2019: Los Angeles Superior Court

Elected Court Commissioner in 2002; appointed Judge in 2010. Currently serving in a long cause trial court in the Family Law Division. Has served as the Supervising Judge of the Criminal Division. Served as the Assistant Supervising Judge, Criminal Division; Supervising Judge, Family Law Division; and Assistant Supervising Judge, Family Law Division. Invited by the United States Department of State to become one of four member judges in the United States of the International Hague Network of Judges.

2016-present: Judicial Council of California

Member of the Judicial Council since 2016. June 2018, appointed to a three year term as a voting member. Currently serve as Vice Chair of the Policy Coordination and Liaison Committee and the Rules and Projects Committee. Serve on the Bail Reform and Mental Health Diversion Workgroups. Member of the Chief Justice's Pretrial Detention Reform Workgroup.

1986-2002: Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Deputy District Attorney. Founding member of the Stalking and Threat Assessment Team, one of the first stalking prosecution units in the country. Served as Special Assistant to the District Attorney's Office Chief Deputy. Responsible for policy and legislation regarding child abuse, domestic violence and sex crimes. Served in the Special Investigations Division responsible for investigating and prosecuting officer misconduct and officer involved shooting cases. Specialized in cases involving sex crimes, child abuse and domestic violence.

1985-1986: Shield & Smith, Los Angeles, California

Associate in a civil litigation law firm. Responsible for cases involving product liability, construction negligence, personal injury, fraud, contract actions and premises liability issues.

1979-1985: Santa Monica Police Department

Police Officer, Field Training Officer and Detective. Awarded Police Officer's Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Certificates.

1995-2001: Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council

Chairperson of the largest domestic violence coordinating council in California. Collaborated with over one hundred member agencies and established domestic violence policy and programs. Successfully drafted and advocated for new legislation.

1990-present: Southwestern Law School

Adjunct Professor of Law teaching courses in Family Law, Community Property, Advanced Criminal Procedure, Trial Advocacy, Forensic Evidence and Criminal Justice Response to Terrorism Seminar.

INTERNATIONAL

Served as a Legal Expert for the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague, Netherlands. Judge Gordon has served a faculty member at the CEELI Institute in Prague, Czech Republic teaching judges and legal professionals from countries including Romania, Bulgaria, Bosnia, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo and Iraq in courses dealing with judicial independence, building democratic court systems and fighting corruption. He has also served as a lecturer for the United States Department of State in Mexico and Costa Rica. Judge Gordon was appointed by the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court as one of the judges in California to serve as an advisor to other judges on Hague Convention matters.

HONORS

- Spencer Brandeis Award, Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Ethel Levitt Award for Humanitarian Service
- Judicial Officer of the Year, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
- Judicial Officer of the Year, Southwestern Law School Alumni Association
- Southwestern University of Law, Adjunct Excellence in Teaching Award
- Good Shepherd Shelter Guild, the St. John Eudes Award
- Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Commendation of Exemplary Leadership
- Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women, Humanitarian of the Year
- California State Assembly, Proclamation and Commendation for community leadership and service
- Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Commendation for public service and leadership
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Criminal Justice Section, Prosecuting Attorney of the Year

EDUCATION

Southwestern Law School

Juris Doctor Degree, May 1985

- Dean's List
- Southwestern University School of Law Awards for Exceptional Achievement in Torts, Contracts and Criminal Law
- American Jurisprudence Awards in Torts, Contracts and Criminal Law

California State University, Dominguez Hills

Bachelor of Science Degree, May 1980

Public Administration with concentration in criminal justice

- Honor List