

ALDRICH, Richard Dennis

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, Second Appellate District, Division Three

**Appointment/Election:** Appointed [succeeding Associate Justice Edward A. Hinz Jr., retired] by Governor Wilson Aug. 18, 1994, confirmed by Commission on Judicial Appointments Aug. 29, 1994 (oath same day), and confirmed by electorate Nov. 8, 1994, to 12-year term commencing Jan. 3, 1995.

**Other Judicial Office:** Judge, Superior Court, Ventura County, Jan. 4, 1991 to Aug. 29, 1994. Appointed [succeeding Judge Kenneth Rodney Yegan, elevated] by Governor Deukmejian Dec. 28, 1990. Prior to appointment to bench, practiced civil litigation for 28 years.

Past Employment: Private law practice: Westlake Village, Calif., 1971-90 (President of his own firm, specializing in general civil litigation, including attorney and medical malpractice, business fraud, insurance bad faith, personal injury, and products liability). Legal Counsel, Great Western Savings & Loan Assn., Los Angeles, Calif., 1970-71. General Counsel, LFC Financial Corp., and Equitable Savings & Loan, both in Los Angeles, 1969-70. President and General Counsel, Casualty Insurance Co. of Calif., Anaheim, Calif., 1967-68. Associate, law firm of Harney, Ford & Schlottman, Los Angeles, 1963-67.

**Memberships/Awards:** Member: Judicial Council of California, 1998-2002 (Vice-Chair of Policy Committee, 2002; member of Executive Committee and Rules and Projects Committee, 1999-2001); International Academy of Trial Judges, 1991— (President, 2000-01, 2001-02); Board of Regents, Loyola Marymount Univ. (Chair, 2000-02); Calif. Judges Assn., 1991—; American Bar Assn., 1964— (former member, Civil Litigation Section); American Board of Trial Advocates, 1975— (National Board of Directors, 1987-97; Los Angeles Executive Committee, 1981—; Chair: Civil Justice Committee (1987-91) and Calif. Committee (1986); President, Los Angeles Chapter, 1986; Vice President, 1985; Secretary, 1976); and Board of Directors, Interface of Ventura County (Children; Family Services), 1991-93. Fellow (1988-90) and Judicial Fellow (1991—), International Academy of Trial Lawyers. Fellow (1984-90) and Judicial Fellow (1991—), American College of Trial Lawyers. Former member: Calif. Trial Lawyers Assn., 1975-90 (Board of Governors, 1986-88; Chair, Medical Malpractice Committee, 1987); Los Angeles Trial Lawyers Assn., 1963-90; Los Angeles County Bar Assn., 1963— (Chair (1987-88) and member (1986-87), Court Improvements Committee; member, Judicial Resources Committee, 1985-86); BAJI Committee, 1986-90; Board of Directors, Friends of Child Advocates, 1987-90; and Board of Directors, Services for the Blind of Orange County, 1982-83; member, California Judicial Council, 1998-2002 (Executive and Planning Committee, 2000; Vice Chair, Policy Committee, 2001-02). Named “Trial Lawyer of the Year” (1990) by American Board of Trial Advocates. Named Trial Judge of the Year” (1991) by the Ventura County Trial Lawyer’s Assn. Named “Appellate Justice of the Year” (2000) by Consumer Attorneys of Los Angeles. Recipient: California Judicial Council’s “Jurist of the Year Award,” 2006; American Board of Trial Advocates “Civility Award,” 2007.

**Teaching/Lectures/Panelist:** Faculty, Calif. Judicial College (CJER), Berkeley, 1992-2004 (“Civil Settlement Techniques”). Participant: Assn. of Southern Calif. Defense Counsel Seminars, 1992 (“Why Lawyers Lose Trials” and “Fast Track Update”); and CEB programs, “Gathering and Proving Medical Evidence,” 1988 and 1986; “Effective Direct and Cross

Examination,” 1984; “Medical Evidence in Personal Injury Cases,” 1983; and “Accident Reconstruction,” 1982. Lecturer: CTLA Seminars, 1988 and 1987; CTLA Convention, 1983-87, 1979, 1977, and 1976; and CTLA Advanced Advocacy College, 1985 and 1984.

**Education:** LL.B. (1963), Univ. of Calif., Los Angeles (Westwood), School of Law (Moot Court Honors Program); B.S. (1960), Loyola Univ., Los Angeles [now Loyola Marymount Univ., Westchester].

**Personal:** Born June 15, 1938; Los Angeles, Calif.; Married. Three children.

**Admission:** Admitted to Calif. Bar June 5, 1963.