

**RUVOLO, Ignacio [“Nace”] John**

PRESIDING JUSTICE, First Appellate District, Division Four

**Appointment/Election:** Appointed Presiding Justice, First District Court of Appeal, Division Four, by Governor Schwarzenegger, confirmed by Commission on Judicial Appointments, Jan. 2006, and elected for a term commencing in Jan. 2007.

**Other Judicial Office:** Appointed (succeeding Justice Jerome A. Smith, retired) by Governor Wilson on Oct. 22, 1996, confirmed by Commission on Judicial Appointments on Dec. 2, 1996, elected Nov. 3, 1998, for term commencing Jan. 1, 1999. Judge, Contra Costa County Superior Court [succeeding Judge David A. Dolgin, retired] by Governor Wilson Jan. 6, 1994 (oath Jan. 21, 1994), and elected June 7, 1994 (opposed) for term commencing Jan. 3, 1995.

**Past Employment:** Private law practice (concentrating on civil law), first in San Francisco, Calif., and then in Walnut Creek, Calif., 1977-94 (partner 1983-94) and associate (1977 -83), Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon. Trial Attorney, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Civil Division, Washington, D.C., 1972-77 (honors program).

**Memberships/Awards:** Member: Calif. Judges Assn., 1994-2011 (Judicial Ethics Committee, 1994-2001, 1998-2002, 2010-11, Vice Chair 1999, Chair, 2000-01; Judicial Elections Committee, 1994-95; ADR Committee, 2006– ); American Bar Assn. (Judicial Div., 2000-02, Litigation Section; Committee on Professional Responsibility; Forum on the Construction Industry; Forum on Franchising Member; Assn. of Professional Responsibility Lawyers); State Bar Commission for the Revision to the Rules of Professional Conduct, 2001– ; Judicial Council Appellate Advisory Comm. 1998-2002; CJER Education Planning Committee, 1996-2000; Judicial Council Task Force on Jury Instructions, 1999-2004; Member, Judicial Council Advisory Committee on Civil and Small Claims Actions, 2005-08 (Chair, ADR Subcommittee 2006-08); Chair, First District Mediation Task Force and Committee, 1998– ;

Contra Costa Inn of Court 1998-2001; National Assn. of Women Judges, 1995-99; Italian-American Bar Assn. Former Member: International Franchise Assn.; Assn. of Defense Counsel of Northern Calif.; Contra Costa County Bar Assn. (President, section on Professional Responsibility and Practice, 1991-94. Member: Delegation to the State Bar Conference of Delegates, 1992-94; Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee (Women's Law Section, 1993)); Bar Assn. of San Francisco (Ethics Committee, 1979– , Chair, 1983-84, Elections Committee Chair, 1984); District of Columbia Bar Assn.; Defense Research Institute; Professional Responsibility and Conduct Committee, State Bar of Calif., 1984-89 (Chair, 1988, Special Advisor, 1989); and Concord Rotary Club, 1990– ; Robert G. McGrath American Inns of Court, 1998- 2001 (emeritus member, 2004-06). Recipient: Appellate Justice of the Year, San Francisco Trial Lawyers Assn., 2002; Trial Judge of the Year, Alameda Contra Costa Trial Lawyers Assn., 1996; Formal commendation from Director of the U.S. Marshal Service, 1977.

**Teaching/Lectures/Panelist:** Seminar Leader and Faculty, Calif. Judicial College, 1995-96; Adjunct Professor, Hastings College of the Law 1999-2005; Adjunct Professor (Professional Responsibility), John F. Kennedy School of Law, Walnut Creek, Calif., 1994-2001; Adjunct Professor, Golden Gate University School of Law, 2008-09; Faculty member, Hastings Center for Trial and Appellate Advocacy, 1988-94; Faculty, Hastings College of Law MCLE Program, 1994-97. Participation in numerous intra and inter-collegiate moot court competitions. Participation in numerous lectures and panels discussing issues pertaining to the law, legal and judicial ethics, and the improvement in the administration of justice.

**Publications:** Author: Article, "One Law Firm's Automation Vision, The Future is Now," *Computer Counsel*, June 1989; "An Antidote for Typhoid Mary—The Status of Vicarious Disqualification in California," *California Lawyer*, June 1990; "Multiple Party Representation in Construction Litigation," ABA Forum Meeting, April 1991;

"The Dreaded Scott Decision—The Status of Enforcing Post-Termination Non-Competition Covenants in California," *Franchise Law Journal*, Fall 1992; "California Trial Lawyers Brace for New Rule of Professional Responsibility Limiting Trial Publicity," *The Verdict*, Winter 1994; "Trial Ethics," *Contra Costa Lawyer*, Jan. 1996; "California's Elder Abuse Statute: Time Bomb or Firecracker for Franchisors," 7 *JFK Law Review* 1 (1996); "California's Amendment to Canon 3E of the Code of Judicial Conduct Requiring Self-Recusal of Disqualified Appellate Justices—Will It Be Reversible Error Not to Self-Recuse?" 25 *Thomas Jefferson Law Review* 529 (2003); Article, "Appellate Mediation—'Settling' the Last Frontier of ADR," 42 *San Diego Law Review* 177 (2005); Article, "The Changing Face of Civil Litigation," *California Courts Review*, summer 2006.

**Education:** L.L.M. (2004), Univ. of Virginia School of Law; J.D. (1972; magna cum laude, Editor-in-Chief, *Law Review*, 1971-72), Univ. of San Diego School of Law, San Diego, Calif.; B.A. (1969, History), Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, New Jersey.

**Personal:** Born June 24, 1947; Elizabeth, New Jersey.

**Admission:** Admitted to Calif. Bar, Jan. 9, 1973.

**Political Affiliation:** Independent.