



Hon. David Thomas McEachen, Judge

Superior Court of California, County of Orange

Appointment/Election: Elevated to Superior Court by Governor Wilson November 19, 1993 (succeeding Judge Donald McCartin, retired) (oath on November 29, 1993), elected in 1994, 2000, and 2006 (unopposed). Started Orange County Drug Court, March 1995. Judge, Municipal Court, North Orange County Judicial District, appointed (succeeding Judge Kazuharu Makino) by Governor Deukmejian (January 23, 1990), oath January 24, 1990, and elected in 1992 (unopposed). Presiding Judge, 1993. Admitted to California State Bar and to U.S. District Court, Central District of California, June 27, 1975; and to U.S. Supreme Court, March 25, 1985.

Employment: Attorney, Community Bank, Pasadena, Los Angeles County, 1979-1990. Private law practice: Long Beach, Los Angeles County, 1975-1979 (associate: Baird & Baird, 1978-1979; and Allen, Wilson & George, 1975-1978; law clerk, same firm, 1972-1975). Insurance Agent, Hamman, Miller & Beauchamp. Long Beach, 1969-1971.

Education: J.D. (June 1974) Southwestern University School of Law, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County. Southwestern University School of Law, 1997 Award "Outstanding Judicial Officer." B.S. (June 1964) Oregon State University, Corvallis. Graduate: Alhambra High School (1960) and All Souls School (1956), both in Alhambra, Los Angeles County.

Military: Served from Ensign to Lieutenant (senior grade), U.S. Navy, Vietnam War, June 1964-June 1969 (1st to fulfill 4-year ROTC commitment, and then extending commitment by 1 year; served 2 tours in Vietnam, 1965-1966 and 1967-1968; Executive Officer, USS Prime (MSO-466). Recipient: National Defense Ribbon and Vietnam Service Ribbon.

Member: American Board of Trial Advocates (2001-Present); Member of the Board of Directors Association of Business Trial Lawyers Orange County (2001-Present); California Judges Association, 1990-Present and Member, Board of Directors (2003-2006); American Bar Association (1975-Present). Robert A. Banyard American Inns of Court (1994-Present), President (2000-2001), (2002) Judicial Civility Award; and (2008) Judge of the Year Award. Other Judge of the Year Awards: (2000) Orange County Trial Lawyers Association; (1999) Business Litigation Section of the Orange County Bar Association; (2000) American Board of Trial Advocates Judge George Francis Civility Award; (2008) American Board of Trial Advocates Judge of the Year Award; (2001) Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County; and (2003) Judge of the Year, Celtic Bar Association of Orange County. Orange County Community Housing Corporation Advisory Board (1999-Present); St. Thomas More Society Board of Directors (1998-Present); (2003) St. Thomas More Award; Orange County Bar

Foundation (Board Trustee, Member 1994-Present); Advisory Board (2004-Present) Orange County Society of St. Vincent De Paul's; Community Service Programs, Inc. (Director, 1995-2001); Victim/Witness Assistance Program (Governing Board, 1994-Present); Orange County Bar Association (1985-Present); and Rossmoor Homeowners Association, Rossmoor, 1975-Present (Director, 1988-1989). Former member: Los Angeles County Bar Association (1975-1984); Long Beach Bar Association, (1975-1979); Long Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce, (1969-1971 and Director, 1969-1970); Long Beach Jaycee Man of the Year (1970), and Long Beach Kiwanis (1975-1979) and Vice President (1976-1977).

Assignments: Criminal Panel (1993-1997); Drug Court Judge (1995-1997); Civil Panel (1998-2001); Supervising Judge of the Civil Panel (2001); Assistant Presiding Judge (2002-2003); Civil Panel (2004-Present).

Personal: Raised in Los Angeles, California (grandson of David Roth whom Los Angeles Times in 1970 described as world's foremost memory expert). Married Judith ("Judi") Lynn Beauchamp (1965) in Long Beach; Judi passed away in March 2009. Two adult children: Ryan David and Sarah Kathryn. Catholic (member, St. Hedwig Church Parish Council, 1975-1978). Republican. Enjoys biking, backpacking and golf.