

HON. GRETCHEN W. TAYLOR, JUDGE RETIRED

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

- 9/03 – 4/09 Commissioner – Los Angeles Superior Court – Central District
- Family Law Trial Department
- 9/97–9/03 Commissioner– Riverside Superior Court–Desert Judicial District, Indio Family Law Trial Court, Domestic Violence Calendar & Adoptions

PRIVATE NEUTRAL SERVICES

4/2009 to present: Available in Los Angeles County through ARC and Los Angeles Family Mediation Services (LAFMS); and in the Coachella Valley through Desert Family Mediation Services (DFMS)

Mediation–Voluntary Settlement Conferences–Arbitration–Discovery Referee–Special Master–Parent Plan Coordinator–Trials

RECENT SPECIALIZED EDUCATION

- 6/11 – 4 Day AFCC Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida– “What’s Gender got to do with it?”
- 2/11 – 3 Day AFCC – California Chapter, Annual Conference, San Francisco
- 2/11 – 5 day “Self–Reflection in Action: Using Our Inner Selves to Help People in Conflict”, Center for Understanding in Conflict, Mar de Jade, Chacala, Mexico
- 10/10 – 5 day Advanced Mediation Training, Green Gulch, Ca. Center for Mediation in Law
- 6/10 – 4 Day AFCC Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado– “Interventions in Parental Alienation”
- 2/09 – Advanced Parenting Coordination, AFCC San Francisco

- 3/09 – 3 Day Advanced Parenting Coordination Training, USF Conflict Resolution Collaborative, Tampa, Fla.
- 11/08 “The New Frontier – Science of the Mind: Tools for Negotiators” Southern California Mediation Association’s 20th Annual Conference
- 8/08 “Mediating the Litigated Case “, 40 hour course; Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University, School of Law
- 10/04 “Receiverships in the New Millennium” Loyola Law School
- 3/03 “Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases” National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Brooklyn, New York
- Continuing Judicial and Specialization Education 1997–present at least 60 hrs/year

PUBLICATIONS

- Author and Editor “Family Law Financial Discovery” Cal CEB 2008; and updates
- Author “Dissolution Strategies: From Intake to Judgment “Cal CEB 2005;
- Co–Author “Family Law Receivers Can Solve Community Property Preservation and Protection Problems” Receivership News, Summer 2005
- Editorial Board Member: Journal of Child Custody
- CJER Author and Contributor “Family Law Bench Guide” “Child Custody and Visitation Bench Guide”

LECTURE AND FACULTY EXPERIENCE

- Speaker 10/10 Pasadena Bar Association “The Bumpy Road to Court“
- Keynote Speaker Lecture AAML Newport Beach 8/09 “High Earner Support”
- Faculty LACBA: 5/08 “Evidence Basics and More” Presenter 2/2008

- AFCC–CA Annual Conference “The Rosetta Stone of Child Custody”
- Speaker – 5/06 San Fernando Valley Bar Association “What to do when Your Client Has a Substance Abuse Problem “
- Faculty – 2/06 “Buzz Words Revisited–an Essential Family Law Glossary” LACBA
- 4/06 “Making Court–Ordered Therapy Work in Family Law cases “LACBA
- Speaker –Family Law Symposium, 2006 “The Family Home”
- Speaker – Family Law Symposium, 1998 and 2000
- Speaker – Norton Family Law Systems Baja California Sur Conference, 1999
- Faculty – “Fundamentals of Family Law Practice” 5/2006 CEB and The State Bar of California
- Speaker – 6/05 “Substance Abuse and Sexual Addiction Allegations in Family Law Cases: Getting below the Surface” LACBA
- Speaker – Child Custody Colloquium, 9/05 “How do you deal with Parents who Abuse Alcohol and Drugs?”
- Speaker – 3/00 “Minor’s Counsel Roundtable “Pre–Colloquium Institute
- Speaker – Family Law Symposium 2005, “Advanced Spousal and Child Support Issues “
- Speaker – Los Angeles Superior Court, Court Clergy Conference, 2004; 2005; 2007
- Speaker – 2005 Family Law Conference, California CPA Education Foundation
- Faculty – 2000 California Clerk’s Association “Family Law Overview”
- Faculty – “Family Law Developments and Strategies “University of Riverside Extension, Department of Law and Public Policy and Matthew Bender, 2000–2004
- Faculty, Teacher and Lecturer for Judicial Education; 1999–2005, CJER New Judge Orientation; CJSP Faculty Member and Seminar Leader, Family Law & Domestic Violence issues.
- Faculty and Faculty Team Leader: 2002; 2003 Family Law Overview Course; CJER Continuing Judicial Studies Program

- Faculty “Domestic Violence Judicial Institute: Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases” AOC; 2004–2006
- Faculty, Family Law Institute – CJER, 2001, 2003
- Delegate; 2004 – AOC “Forum on Sexual Assault Issues “
- Numerous other presentations to Bar Associations and Community Organizations on Topics related to Family Law.
- Presenter “How to Avoid Collision between Family and Bankruptcy Law” Inland Empire Bankruptcy Forum, 1998

BAR ADMISSION AND SPECIALIZATION

- 2/91 – Certified Specialist in Family Law, California Board of Legal Specialization.
- 11/79 – Admitted to the California Bar.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- 1975 – 1979: Southwestern University School of Law, J.D. Los Angeles, Ca.
- 1963 – 1966: Marymount College, Palos Verdes, Ca. B.A.
- Secondary School: Bredenbury St. Peters, Bromyard, Herefordshire, England
- Marymount High School, Barcelona, Spain

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 3/96 – 9/97 Associate Attorney – Jaffe and Clemens, Beverly Hills, Ca. Practice limited to complex family law litigation.
- 1/89–3/96 Attorney/Owner–Law Offices of Gretchen Wellman Taylor, West Los Angeles and Encino, Practice emphasis: Family Law
- 1/82 –12/88 Partner – Sommers & Taylor, Encino, Ca. General legal practice, Family Law, Civil, Probate, Real Estate, and Criminal.
- 8/79 – 1/82 Associate Attorney – Law Offices of Hubert R. Sommers, Encino, Ca.

OTHER EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 12/66 – 6/79 County of Los Angeles, Department of Children's Services. Held positions from Supervisor of Dependency Court Officers & DPSS Operations & Shelter Care, to Supervising Children's Services Worker and Children's Services Worker in Exposition Park, Panorama City, East and West Los Angeles, Compton/Willowbrook, South Central Los Angeles and Bell Gardens/Maywood.
- 5/66 – 12/66 Sales Associate – Bullock's Westwood – Bridal Department. (Returns)

PERSONAL INTERESTS, MEMBERSHIPS and HONORARY POSITIONS

- 1984/1990 Member, Board of Directors, Loyola Marymount Alumni Association
- 1987/1988 President, Loyola Marymount Alumni Association
- 2007–2009 Member, Alternate Dispute Resolution Committee, Los Angeles Superior Court
- 2003–2009 Member, Family Law Committee, Los Angeles Superior Court
- 2008 Annual State Bar Convention – Recipient of The Spirit of CEB award –for service to Family Law Education
- 2000/2003 Member, Planning Committee, Violence against Women Education Project, Administrative Office of the Courts, Center for Families and Children
- American Inns of Court: Warren E. Slaughter Chapter, Coachella Valley, 2001–2003
- Southern California Business Litigation Inn of Court, Los Angeles, 2004–2006
- Family Law Inn of Court, Los Angeles, 2007–present
- Member:

- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Beverly Hills Bar Association
- Desert Bar Association
- Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles
- California Judges Association
- Los Angeles County Judges Association
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
- Association of Certified Family Law Specialists
- Southern California Mediation Association
- Mediators Beyond Borders
- Bi-lingual in the Spanish language

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