

Judicial Vignette:



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San Bernardino**

by Ed Butler

Judge **Stanford E. Reichert** brings varied judicial officer experience to his new role as Superior Court judge of San Bernardino County.

Having just completed three years of service as commissioner of Los Angeles County Superior Court, he was sworn in May 31, 2005 to take the judgeship recently vacated by the retirement of Judge Rufus Yent. Swearing in honors were performed by Judge Paul Bryant of Rancho Cucamonga District, whom Judge Reichert had served in his prior capacity as judicial research attorney for San Bernardino County.

Before becoming a Los Angeles commissioner in 2002, Judge Reichert spent about half a year as hearing judge for the State Bar Court, having been appointed to that role by the California Supreme Court.

Toward the end of his 22-year career in insurance defense litigation, Judge Reichert also had served San Bernardino County as a Juvenile Court pro tem judge.

Judge Reichert's current assignment at Victorville District is civil litigation, limited and unlimited, in all phases of adjudication.

His varied experience as commissioner included traffic, small claims, limited civil, misdemeanors, unlawful detainer and domestic violence court. A resident of La Verne, he presided for Los Angeles County at West Covina.

Armed with a jurisdoctor degree from Columbia University Law School, he practiced in Los Angeles and Pasadena (including as partner) before opening his own office in Ontario in 1988. During that period he served as judge pro tem for the Inland Valley Arbitration and Mediation Service.

Asked what he enjoys about judging, Judge Reichert says, "I like to help people solve problems and bring cases to resolution quickly and fairly."

The father of two adult children, Judge Reichert was born and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he worked at his father's service stations while growing up. He majored in English literature as an undergraduate at the University of Utah. The law attracted him as an avenue to apply his verbal and communication skills.

His leisure time interests include travel, calligraphy, assembling models of European castles, and collecting Disney memorabilia.

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