

GRAY, JAMES POLIN, JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT, Orange County.

Appointed: (succeeding Judge James K. Turner, retired) by Governor Deukmejian July 25, 1989 (oath July 27, 1989), and elected in 1990, 1996, 2002 (unopposed). Judge, Municipal Court, Central Orange County Judicial District, Orange County, December 30, 1983, (date of oath) to July 27, 1989, appointed (succeeding Judge Alan A. Plaia, resigned) by Governor Deukmejian December 21, 1983, and elected in 1986 (unopposed). Private law practice (handling antitrust, real estate, and business litigation), Newport Beach, Orange County, 1978-83 (associate, Wyman, Bautzer, Rothman, Kuchel & Silbert). Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Central District of California 1975-78 (directed U.S. Attorney's Veterans Administration Federal Housing Administration Fraud Unit). Admitted to California Bar February 7, 1972,

Education: J.D. (1971, University of Southern California Law Center, Los Angeles. B.A. (1966, History) University of California, Los Angeles (Westwood). Served as Lieutenant, U.S. Naval Reserve, Judge Advocate General's Corps, 1972-75 (USNAS Guam and NAS Lemoore, CA; Staff Judge Advocate and Criminal Defense Counsel). Member, U.S. Peace Corps, 1966-68 (high school physical education teacher, and elementary school teacher of health and community recreation, Palmar Norte, Costa Rica). Born February 14, 1945 in Washington, D.C. (son of late Senior U.S. District Judge William P. Gray).

Memberships/Awards: California Judges Association, 1985 __; Orange County Bar Association, 1982 __; and Board of Directors, Orange County Law Library, 1985-1989. Founder and President, William P. Gray, Legion Lex Chapter, American Inns of Court (1989-95). Founder of Orange County "Peer Court" for high school students. Co-Founder of Former Assistant U.S. Attorney's Association. Former member: California Judicial Council's Advisory Committee on Juvenile Court Law, 1991-93; California Judicial Council, 1989-90; Alcohol Advisory Board to Orange County Board of Supervisors, 1985-88; and Los Angeles County Bar Association, 1979-81; Board of Directors YMCA of Orange County; Libertarian.

In an effort to improve the administration of justice, Judge Gray in April 1992 publicly went on record as advocating the strictly regulated distribution of heroin, cocaine, and marijuana. The Orange County Bar Association has publicly endorsed the judge's right under the First Amendment and the California Code of Judicial Conduct to seek to improve our legal system, and according to news reports the public has favorably responded to the judge's views.

Author of Why Our Drug Laws Have Failed And What We Can Do About It - A Judicial Indictment of the War on Drugs (Temple University Press, 2001). See website <www.JudgeJimGray.com>. Also, author of Wearing the Robe: The Art and Responsibility of Judging (Square One Press, 2007).

Named as "Judge of the Year" by the Orange County Bar Association's Business Litigation Section for 1992; recipient of the Justice Gerald Le Dain Award for Achievement in the Field of Law by the Drug Policy Foundation in Washington, D.C. for 1993; and named as the "Judge of the Year" by the Constitutional Rights Foundation of Orange County for 1995; Community Service Award by Parent Help, USA in 2001. Composer of musical "Americans All."

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