



**HON. DAVID M. CHAPMAN (Ret.)**

***CURRICULUM VITAE***

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Current Position:

Judge Chapman is a retired judge of the Riverside County Superior Court and brings more than 43 years legal experience to conflict and dispute resolution. Upon his retirement in 2021 Judge Chapman joined Desert ADR and is available for Mediations, Arbitrations, Discovery Referee and Private Judging throughout the Inland Empire and Southern California. Matters may be conducted in person subject to current COVID 19 considerations or remotely utilizing the Zoom platform.

Judicial & Legal Experience:

While sitting in a civil assignment for over eight years, Judge Chapman presided over the court's First Friday Settlement program which is dedicated to early case evaluation and mediation. Having participated in hundreds of mediations and settlement conferences, experience has taught him that early mediation often saves the litigants huge financial resources. Judge Chapman recognized that one of the great joys of having served the community as a trial judge was assisting attorneys and their clients in resolving disputes and conflicts well in advance of approaching trial dates.

Judge Chapman gained trial experience as a Deputy District Attorney in Los Angeles and Riverside counties. As an attorney in private practice for more than 30 years with the Law Offices of Thomas T. Anderson he gained invaluable experience representing hundreds of clients in all areas of personal injury, wrongful death, professional liability, product liability, insurance disputes and class action litigation. Judge Chapman was able to apply this experience to the many cases he would preside over after his appointment to the bench. He has managed, tried or settled a wide variety of disputes including fraud, all areas of personal injury, wrongful death, professional liability, business and real estate disputes, eminent domain and receiverships, employment disputes, insurance coverage and claims of insurance bad faith, as well as ADA disability litigation.

When the judge assigned to the Complex Litigation department was disqualified, complex matters were routinely assigned to Judge Chapman. He has tried to conclusion class action litigation. He has presided over many complex matters including the following:

- a. Class Action Litigation
- b. Wage and Hour Litigation
- c. PAGA Litigation
- d. Construction Defect Litigation
- e. Product Liability – Roundup Litigation
- f. Mass Torts

Judge Chapman is looking forward to applying his training, experience, and settlement skills with those litigants and attorneys seeking alternative dispute resolution. Judge Chapman is a graduate of the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, having completed *Mediating the Litigated Case* in 2019.

#### Judicial Committees:

2014 – 2017	Judicial Council of California Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee
2014 – 2017	Judicial Council of California Advisory Sub-Committee Unlimited Case and Complex Litigation
2015	Judicial Council of California Advisory Committee on Evidentiary Objections in Summary Judgment Proceedings
2016	Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye appointment to Ad Hoc Working Group on Innovation Grants
2013	Riverside County Court Executive Officer Search Committee
2014 – 2016	Riverside County Superior Court Appellate Division
2014	Riverside County Superior Court Grand Jury Selection Committee
2013 – 2021	Riverside County Superior Court ADR Committee

#### Special Recognition and Honors:

American Board of Trial Advocates Inland Empire 2018 Trial Judge of the Year

Consumer Attorneys of California 2018 Trial Judge of the Year Inland Empire

Certificate of Congressional Recognition for Academic Achievements and Commitment to Improving the Community Through Justice and Equality 2014

California Legislature Certificate of Recognition for Commitment in  
Legal Education 2013

State of California Senate Certificate of Recognition for Commitment  
in Legal Education and Positive Impact on the Promotion of Rights and  
Equality in the Coachella Valley

Legal Teaching:

2012 -2013 California Desert Trial Academy College of Law, Associate Professor of  
Torts

2016 California Desert Trial Academy College of Law, Associate Professor of  
Trial Advocacy

American Inns of  
Court:

Judge Chapman was one of the co-founders and past President of  
the Warren Slaughter-Richard Romer Chapter of the American  
Inns of Court, 1999. This organization is a mentoring program  
dedicated to the promotion of professionalism, ethics, skills and  
civility in the practice of law.

Military Service:

United States Army, Commissioned Lieutenant, Adjutant General  
Corps, Active Duty and Reserve 1974 – 1982.

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*Judge Chapman is available to travel outside of the Coachella Valley.*