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Hon. Frederick H. Bysshe

Ventura County Superior Court, Retired

Judge Frederick Bysshe joins ARC after a distinguished legal career spanning 55 years. He sat on the Ventura County Superior Court for nearly two decades, serving as unlimited and complex civil trial judge from 2001-2012, then as Chief Settlement Judge from 2013-2018 and Supervising Civil Judge from 2013-2015. He served on the Appellate Division during 2015-2016. In his final 10 years on the bench, he chaired the Court's Governance Committee. Prior to being appointed to the bench, Judge Bysshe was a trial attorney in private practice, specializing in civil litigation and medical malpractice, where he was awarded a preeminent trial attorney status. He began his career in the Riverside County District Attorney's office, serving as Trial Deputy, Chief Trial Deputy and Chief Assistant District Attorney from 1963-1970.

Practice Areas

Personal Injury/Wrongful Death, Construction, Business/Commercial/Contracts, Real Estate, Professional Negligence, Product Liability, HOA Disputes, Employment, Intellectual Property, Family Disputes (other than dissolutions), Government & Regulatory Agencies

Conflict Resolution Experience

Prior to retirement, Judge Bysshe served as the Ventura Superior Court's Chief Settlement Judge from 2013-2018. During that period, he settled hundreds of cases involving every aspect of civil litigation, and he developed a reputation among both the plaintiff and defense bars as an outstanding settlement judge who relentlessly pursued a fair settlement in every case that came before him.

As a trial judge handling an unlimited and complex civil calendar for over a decade, Judge Bysshe had an opportunity to develop a judicial perspective on a myriad of civil matters and issues and had a firsthand opportunity to learn how Ventura County juries responded to and decided cases brought before them for resolution.

As a settlement judge, Judge Bysshe brings to bear a wealth of experience to the settlement process and a unique perspective on Ventura County Courts and juries.

Education & Training

- B.A., University of Redlands (1959)
- J.D., University of California, Hastings College of Law (1962)

Organizations & Achievements

- Associate Editor of *Hastings Law Review* (1961-62); President of Student Body (1961-61)
- 2010 Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association Judge of the Year
- 2012-2015 Executive Board of the California Judges Association
- Highest rating for ability and ethics by *Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory*; listed in the *Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers*; listed in *Marquis Who's Who in American Law* since 1978
- State Board of Governors, Consumer Attorneys of California (1994-2000)
- Master in the American Inns of Court, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties (1994-98)
- President, Ventura County Bar Association (1981-82)
- President, Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association (1978-79)
- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) (1999-present)
- 1990 Recipient of NordmanTrust Award and Citizen of the Year by Ventura Chamber of Commerce
- Board member and president of numerous community organizations; recipient of countless awards and honors for public service

Judge Bysshe is available in Ventura County, California.