



Hon. Pamela M. Parker

Judge Pamela M. Parker was sworn in as a Superior Court Judge for the State of California on September 11, 2013. She served with the Family division from her appointment through February 2019, including as Assistant Supervising Judge for that division from December 2017 through January 2019. In February 2019, she moved to a predominantly Criminal Trials assignment and became the Assistant Supervising Judge for the North County branch of the Superior Court of San Diego County, located in Vista, California. She will become Supervising Judge for that branch in January 2021. In addition to her Criminal

assignment, Judge Parker also handles limited jurisdiction Civil matters.

Judge Parker obtained her law degree from Harvard Law School, graduating with honors. She clerked for the Honorable Frank Battisti, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court in Cleveland, Ohio. She thereafter spent seven years practicing in New York City, first at the firm of Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison, doing general civil litigation, and then for Lankenau Kovner & Bickford, a small boutique firm focusing on First Amendment law. Judge Parker moved to San Diego, California in 1990, where she joined the newly-created environmental law group at the firm now known as Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd. She spent twenty years with the firm, handling not only environmental cases (including the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Litigation), but also consumer fraud, human rights/labor and securities litigation. She spent the last several years of her tenure at the firm focusing on state court appellate practice. In 2003, she was named a Trial Lawyer of the Year by the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, for her leadership on ground-breaking litigation involving the use of sweatshop labor in the garment factories of the Marianas Islands. Prior to her judicial appointment, Judge Parker also worked as a senior staff attorney for the California Court of Appeal, and taught appellate practice and legal advocacy skills at the University of San Diego School of Law and Thomas Jefferson School of Law, respectively.

Judge Parker has been and continues to be an active participant in several Bar organizations and state-wide judicial committees. She also has been a frequent speaker on a variety of substantive legal and procedural topics. This is Judge Parker's third appearance as a speaker at this International Symposium, having previously spoken on settlement and mediation procedures in California Family Court, and on domestic violence law and procedure.