

SCOTT J. NORD, Commissioner, Superior Court for the State of California, County of Los Angeles

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EXPERIENCE

Los Angeles Superior Court

April 2022 through the present

- I preside over all phases of proceedings including, Ex Parte motions, requests for orders and evidentiary hearings/trials relating to dissolution and parentage matters, child custody, child visitation, support determinations (both child and spousal), property division and, any other family law-related issues. Furthermore, I handle domestic violence, civil harassment, and gun violence restraining orders, including temporary restraining orders, hearings on permanent restraining orders, and renewals of restraining orders.

March 2015 through April 2022

- I was assigned to a dual assignment courtroom where both Family Law, as described above, and Probate cases.
- The Probate related matters included estate matters such as wills and trust administration, trust accountings, intestacy matters, and any contests related to estate matters. In addition, I handled conservatorships for the person (both general and limited) and of the estate and guardianships (including granting the initial, permanent, and termination), including visitation issues for parents. I was also responsible for matters dealing with the release of remains, determination of dates of birth, certifying dates of marriage, and end-of-life decisions. I handled both expedited and general minor compromises.
- I also provided coverage for civil courtrooms (including ex-parte, unlawful detainers, and mandatory settlement conferences), dependency courtrooms, and traffic court.

Law Offices of Scott J. Nord

1996 through 2015

- I represented clients, both individuals, and businesses, in their legal affairs, including litigation, alternative dispute resolution, personal and business risk management, family law matters, criminal defense, employment (harassment and wage and hour disputes), and other labor matters.
- Excellent analytical and legal research skills, experience reviewing, researching, and executing a wide variety of agreements and other general business contracts, position papers, and corporate documents.
- Extensive involvement in dealing directly with clients, opposing counsel, and third parties in different settings, from corporate boardrooms to courtrooms.

JUDICIAL TRAINING

New Judges Orientation

Primary Assignment (Family Law and Probate)

Judicial College

- Center for Judicial Education and Research Faculty Development Program

EDUCATION

Whittier Law School, Los Angeles, California

1994 through 1996

Juris Doctorate Degree.

Admitted to State Bar of California 1996

San Diego State University

1989 through 1993

Bachelor of Arts, History

Bench and Bar

- California Judges Association Family Law Committee. The committee advises the California Judges Association on current trends, proposed changes, and areas needing improvement in family law
 - For the Legislative session of Fall 2020, I reviewed and advised the Family Law Committee on California Assembly Bill AB1243 Protective Orders: Elder and Dependent Adults. Many of the recommendations I forwarded were incorporated into the final version of AB1243, and the Governor signed AB1243 into law on September 20, 2021.
 - For the Legislative session of Fall 2021, I reviewed and advised the Family Law Committee on California Senate Bill 935, Domestic Violence Restraining Order Renewals (Family Code Section 6345). In conjunction with Senators Min and Rubio, the Judicial Council, the recommendations I forwarded on behalf of CJA were incorporated into the final version of SB935, and the Governor signed SB935 into law on July 1, 2022.
 - Drafted legislation on behalf of the California Judges Association Family Law Committee recommending amendments to Government Code, Section 66957, to allow electronic recording in domestic violence, elder abuse and gun violence restraining order cases when no certified shorthand court reporter is available.

- Adjunct Professor at the University of West Los Angeles School of Law, Probate and Trust Litigation, Spring and Fall 2022, Spring 2023
- Committee Member for California Court Commissioners Association
- Los Angeles Superior Court Committees (currently)
 - Environmental Conservation Committee (Chair)
 - Family Law/Probate Court Reporter Working Group
 - JES Multi-Discipline Cross-Over Committee
 - Temporary Judge Committee
 - Domestic Violence Committee
 - Automation (Technology) and other technology sub-committees

Legislation:

- In May 10, 2021, I wrote an article on Family Code, Section 271 Sanctions. The Article was entitled (271 Sanctions: Gamechanger or Boogeyman). In Brian Maienschein (D-San Diego) introduced legislation (AB 1179) which clarifies the current statutory language and encapsulates many of the issues raised in my article.

PUBLICATIONS

See Attachment “A”

INSTRUCTIONAL TEACHING

See Attachment “B”

AWARDS

- Judicial Officer of the Year Award, 2018
- Distinguished Service Certificate for Judicial Education Seminar (2020-2021), Custody Considerations: Transgender Children
- Nominated for California Judges Association's Alba Witkin Humanitarian Award and California Court Commissioner Association of the Year Award.

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

- **The "Trail Its"** I formed the Los Angeles Superior Court Hiking Club, affectionately known as the "Trail Its," for like-minded bench officers interested in hiking and the outdoors. Over 120 bench officers have signed up to be part of this group and join our monthly hikes. My goal is to promote collegiality among a diverse group of bench officers and promote physical fitness and well-being.
- Judge Pro Tempore 2008-2015. I conducted over 10,000 traffic trials, arraignments, and over 2,500 small claims hearings.
- Volunteer for American Youth Soccer Organization's Region 88 as an Advanced Coach, Advanced Referee, and current Board of Directors member.
 - AYSO Volunteer of the Award, 2012, 2020
 - AYSO Coach of the Year Award, 2017
- Formerly on the Board of Directors for Foothill Little League, Glendale, California, as the Player Representative, and formerly on the Booster Club for Club Champion Gymnastics of Pasadena, California, as Vice President.

Attachment “A”

- November 13, 2020, Minor and Disabled Adult Compromises.
- December 16, 2020, Guardianships, a least restrictive alternative.
- January 21, 2021, Elder Abuse Restraining Orders.
- February 11, 2021, Grandparent visitation rights.
- March 11, 2021, Gifts between spouses.
- April 7, 2021, Domestic violence, and custody settlement agreements
- May 10, 2021, 271 Sanctions: Gamechanger or Boogeyman
- June 10, 2021, Competency in the civil litigation arena
- July 13, 2021, Family Law Declarations
- August 23, 2021, When is a move-away, a move-away?
- September 24, 2021, Vaccines and parental choice
- November 9, 2021, Separated or Not Separated.
- December 22, 2021, The Ex Parte Merry-Go-Round in Family Court
- January 13, 2022, It's a new year, so let's talk about support
- February 15, 2022, DVRO Hearings v. the 5th Amendment
- March 3, 2022, Ready for Trial? Think again.
- March 22, 2022, Man Plans and God laughs: The emotions of litigation
- May 9, 2022, Community Property, a brief history
- June 1, 2022, The Transgender Child Custody Discussion
- August 10, 2022, Neo-Nazism, flat earthers, and vaccine deniers. Custody disputes when a parent has nontraditional views.
- September 20, 2022, Domestic Violence Restraining Order Renewals

- January 4, 2023, When is a post not a post? Domestic Violence and social media are not a match made in heaven.
- February 21, 2023, Rahimi, domestic violence, and the 5th Circuit is worth talking about
- April 14, 2023, Things we have learned over the past year (or not)

Attachment "B"

- High School Domestic Violence Awareness Program co-creator and presenter (presented the program to over 50,000 high school students)
- Los Angeles Superior Court Teen Court Program
- Instructor for Center for Judicial Education and Research program entitled "Immigration Issues in Domestic Violence Cases." March 2017
- Instructor at the Los Angeles Superior Court Family Law Seminar, 2018, 2019, 2022 and 2023
- Instructor at the Los Angeles Superior Court Probate Seminar, 2019
- Instructor at the 14th Annual California Association of Youth Courts Seminar, June 2019
- Co-creator and presenter for Custody and Visitation Issues for Parents with Transgender Youth, 2020
- Presenter for Probate Department on Guardianships (March 2021) and Determination of Heirships (2019).
- Participant in Judges in the Classroom
 - March 2021, The Salem Witch Trials
 - November 2021, Voter's Rights, and the U.S. Constitution
- Inns of Court, February 7, 2022. A discussion on 271 Sanctions
- Instructor for Center for Judicial Education and Research, April 28, 2022, Family Law Institute, Vaccinations
- Instructor for Family Law Symposium, May 14, 2022, Use and need of a Vocational Examination in support cases.
- Co-creator and presenter for Guardians Ad Litem, August 2022
- Instructor for Child Custody Colloquium, October 22, 2022