

THE HON. ALEXANDER C.D. GIZA
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

Alex Giza is a family law judge, sitting in a home court, Dept. 7 at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse. Judge Giza was appointed in November 2018 by then-Gov. Jerry Brown and has been in the Family Law Division since appointment.

Judge Giza attended the University of Virginia and earned a B.S. in Electrical Engineering in 1989. During his time at UVA, he was selected for Tau Beta Pi (Nat'l Eng'g Honor Society) and Eta Kappa Nu (Int'l Electrical Eng'g Honor Society), and elected Fencing Club President (Virginia State Champions 1989). After graduation, he worked in various engineering roles, including design and test engineering, field service and sales engineering, and manufacturing supervisor for over six years with IAI America Inc., Eaton Corp., and Westinghouse Electric Corp.

Judge Giza graduated from the University of California Los Angeles, School of Law in 2000. While at UCLAW, he was a teaching fellow and a research assistant. He also externed for Judge Arthur L. Alarcón, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and Judge William J. Rea, United States District Court, Central District of California. Following law school, Judge Giza clerked for Justice Walter L. Carpeneti of the Alaska Supreme Court.

Prior to his appointment, Judge Giza was a co-founder & partner of Hueston Hennigan LLP and previously worked at Russ August Kabat LLP and Irell & Manella LLP. His practice included complex business litigation, with a specialty in intellectual property litigation. As an attorney, he successfully argued for preliminary injunction for patent infringement, won jury verdicts, handled appellate matters, defended IPRs, and authored amicus briefs for U.S. Supreme Court cases on behalf of 6 former USPTO commissioners and on behalf of 5 federal district court judges.

Judge Giza is married and has two adult children. He is a member of the board of directors for East West Players, the longest-running professional theater of color in the country. In 2017, he raised over \$50K for the American Indian College Fund in conjunction with his Ride Across AMerica. He also competed in the 2017 U.S.A. Triathlon Age Group National Championships. Judge Giza remains an avid hiker, rock climber, and mountaineer with ascents including Mt. Whitney, Mt. Shasta, Mt. Russell, Half Dome, El Capitan, Grand Teton, Mt. Rainier, White Mountain Peak, Mt Langley, Mt. Tyndall, and Mt. Popocatepetl.