

**THE HON. DEAN J. KITCHENS**  
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

Judge Dean J. Kitchens was appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court by Governor Gavin Newsom, and he assumed the position in March of 2022. Since his appointment he has been sitting in the Antelope Valley Courthouse, Department A-12. His primary assignments are in family law and probate. He is extremely grateful to his new colleagues for their warm welcome and tutelage in new areas of law.

Prior to his appointment, Judge Kitchens spent over 40 years with the law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP. He joined the firm in 1978 and practiced there for his entire career. He had a civil trial practice focused on business litigation, with specialties including securities litigation, corporate governance and class actions. In addition to his active practice, Judge Kitchens also served as internal general counsel at Gibson Dunn. He served on the Firm's Executive and Management Committees for over 15 years.

Judge Kitchens attend the University of California, Berkeley for his undergraduate education, receiving an A.B. degree in 1974. He then attended the UCLA School of Law, graduating in 1978. While at UCLA, he served as Article Editor of the UCLA Law Review during 1977-1978, and was elected to the Order of the Coif.

On the extra-curricular side, he served as a Board Member and then, in 2015-2016, President of the Western Justice Center in Pasadena. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. His outside interests range from playing the guitar to performing magic, and doing his best to keep up with his wife on the tennis courts. He has been married to Katy for 36 years and has four adult children, one of whom will be joining him as a practicing lawyer later this year.