

# HON. GREGORY KEOSIAN (RET.)

MEDIATOR, ARBITRATOR, REFEREE



Hon. Gregory Keosian (Ret.) brings a distinguished background in law and dispute resolution to his role as a neutral at ADR Services, Inc. With an impressive 22 years of judicial experience and 16 years of civil litigation expertise, Judge Keosian is uniquely positioned to navigate complex legal matters and steer parties toward resolution as a mediator, arbitrator, and referee.

Beginning his legal career as an associate at Scolinos, Slater & Sweetman in Pasadena, Judge Keosian honed his litigation and negotiation skills before co-founding Keosian & Keosian in 1988. As a partner at the firm until 2002, he specialized in civil litigation handling a diverse range of cases, with a focus on personal injury matters.

In 2002, Judge Keosian's career took a pivotal turn when he was appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court by Governor Gray Davis. Over the next 22 years, he presided over hundreds of jury and bench trials, mandatory settlement conferences, and law and motion matters. While assigned to a General Jurisdiction Independent Calendar Court at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Judge Keosian deftly handled civil actions across nearly all areas of law, including catastrophic injury, medical malpractice, employment disputes, civil rights cases, business litigation, and more. His judicial service also includes assignments to the Personal Injury Hub and the Appellate Division.

Grounded in a steadfast commitment to fairness and impartiality, Judge Keosian now draws upon his extensive legal background to facilitate effective dispute resolution as a neutral at ADR Services, Inc.

## **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

Business/Contract Civil Rights Construction Elder Abuse Eminent Domain Employment Entertainment Insurance & Bad Faith Inverse Condemnation Landlord/Tenant Medical Malpractice PAGA/FEHA Personal Injury Premises Liability Sexual Abuse

# **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court

- General Jurisdiction Independent Calendar Court, Stanley Mosk Courthouse, 2015-2024 Handled civil actions, consisting of catastrophic injury, medical malpractice, employment, civil rights, police misconduct, business litigation, contract, wrongful death, construction defect, and product liability. Conducted hundreds of jury and bench trials, as well as mandatory settlement conferences.
- Personal Injury Courtroom (PI Hub), Stanley Mosk Courthouse, 2014-2015

#### 2002-2024

Presided over law and motion matters, discovery disputes, case management, final status conferences, and ex parte applications.

- Appellate Division, Stanley Mosk Courthouse, 2011-2014 Reviewed misdemeanor and limited civil matters on appeal, as well writs of mandate, writs of supersedeas, habeas corpus, and various motions. Wrote several hundred opinions arising from these appeals.
- Limited Jurisdiction Civil Courtroom, Van Nuys Courthouse, 2002-2011 Presided over dozens of jury and bench trials, mandatory settlement conferences, and law and motion matters.
- Los Angeles Superior Court Committees: Civil/Small Claims, Bench/Bar, Access and Fairness, Temporary Judge (Pro Tem) Committee.

# Attorney and Litigator

1986-2002

- Keosian & Keosian, Century City & Encino, 1988-2002 Partner, specialized in civil litigation and personal injury matters.
- Scolinos, Slater & Sweetman, Pasadena, 1986-1988 Associate.

# EDUCATION

J.D., University of West Los Angeles, School of Law	1986
B.A. in Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles	1983

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Judge Keosian has participated in numerous panel discussions with the students of Loyola Law School and Southwestern Law School addressing issues facing new lawyers and courtroom practices, and has presented to various local bar associations. He is a founding member of the Armenian Bar Association, an international organization consisting of law students, attorneys, and judges of Armenian descent. In 2018, he was honored with the Armenian Bar Association's Judge of the Year award. He is a member of the California Judges Association.

## PUBLICATIONS

"Jury Instructions Front and Center," *Advocate Magazine*, Journal of Consumer Attorneys Associations for Southern California, July 2020.

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Judge Keosian has been a guest lecturer for the University of California, Los Angeles, undergraduate communications class on First Amendment issues on several occasions. He has also presented lectures to the Beverly Hills Bar Association, as well as the San Fernando Valley Bar Association.