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September 3, 2020

Holly L. Wolcott
City Clerk
City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street, Room 360
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Ms. Wolcott:

I am pleased to appoint Carlos R. Moreno to the Los Angeles Redistricting Commission. For over twenty-five years, Justice Moreno served at all levels of the state and federal judicial systems in California, including four years as a federal district court judge and ten years as a Justice on the California Supreme Court. Justice Moreno also served as U.S. Ambassador to Belize under appointment by President Barack Obama and is currently affiliated with JAMS, the nationally-recognized mediation and arbitration service.

I am confident Justice Moreno will serve the residents of the City with fairness, integrity and a focus on the best interests of each of L.A.'s communities as a member of the Los Angeles Redistricting Commission.

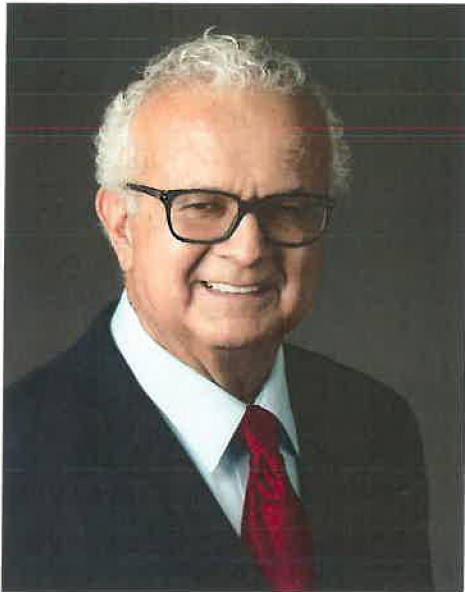
Should you have any questions, please contact my Chief of Staff, Leela Kapur at 213-978-8357.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Michael Feuer'.

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Los Angeles City Attorney

cc: Sharon Tso, Chief Legislative Analyst



Hon. Carlos R. Moreno (Ret.)

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Biography

Available to conduct virtual/remote mediations and other ADR proceedings on a variety of online platforms, including Zoom.

Hon. Carlos R. Moreno (Ret.) joins JAMS after a distinguished 25-year career on the judiciary, including ten years on the California Supreme Court. During his tenure, Justice Moreno authored over 140 majority opinions on a wide range of precedent setting cases, including significant opinions implicating LGBT rights, arbitration, and insurance policy coverage. Previously, he served fifteen years as a trial judge in state and federal courts presiding over hundreds of trials covering the full spectrum of criminal and civil litigation. Most recently, Justice Moreno served as United States Ambassador to Belize where he made great strides in advancing citizen security within Belize and the region, focusing on citizen protection, economic development, and governance. Justice Moreno has also been appointed by Mayor Eric Garcetti to the Los Angeles Police Commission's Advisory Committee on Building Trust and Equity. This committee is tasked with conducting a comprehensive review of the LAPD's policies and procedures and delivering recommendations for reform.

Justice Moreno is a first-generation Mexican-American and fluent Spanish speaker. He was the third Latino to serve on the Supreme Court of California. Justice Moreno has been honored with numerous accolades for his work on and off the Bench, recognizing his commitment to equality and justice, his pioneering accomplishments as a Mexican-American, and his work in child advocacy. He has served on numerous community-based organization boards.

Download Justice Moreno's General Biography in Spanish

ADR Experience and Qualifications

- Served as United States Ambassador to Belize working to improve citizen security for Belize and the region, emphasizing citizen protection, economic development, and good governance
- Ten years on the California Supreme Court authoring over 140 majority opinions on a wide range of precedent-setting civil and criminal cases, including death penalty appeals, and the author of significant opinions implicating

- LGBT rights, arbitration, and insurance policy coverage. Participated in at least 1000 oral arguments before the Court
- Fifteen years as a trial judge in state and federal courts presiding over 100's of trials involving the full panoply of criminal and civil litigation
- Four years as a prosecutor with the Los Angeles City Attorney's office, including dozens of trials and assignment to consumer protection section
- Ten years in private practice with business law firms

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Arbitration

- Panel arbitrator in multi-state tobacco settlement claims
- Author of several decisions on arbitration including arbitrability and unconscionability doctrines
- Arbitrated family partnership dispute over distribution of business operations and real property assets related to produce industry
- Arbitrated discovery dispute over possession of key business and employment documents related to potential criminal investigation
- Handled dispositive motion on class arbitration eligibility in employment agreement
- *Mediated wage and hour claims re: de minimus time duties imposed by large board and care operators

Appellate

- Neutral Evaluator on several matters before the California Supreme Court including foundation for expert witness testimony, redevelopment legislation, charter schools, and water district resource allocations among other issues, including petitions for review, moot court, construction contract interpretation and preparation for oral argument

Business/Commercial

- Author of majority opinion in *Korea Supply* re: remedy of restitution in unfair competition cases
- Arbitrated multi-million dollar dispute over fraudulent representations by seller on the purchase value of ongoing business
- Presided over lengthy federal trial concerning breach of prospective defense contract to build fighter jets and enforceability of oral representations made in bid process
- Author of *In re Tobacco II* (retroactivity of "injury in fact" statutory provision)

Cannabis

- Mediated cannabis partnership dispute over terms of buy-out and dissolution

Civil Rights

- Commission member investigating excessive use of force by sheriff deputies in county jails
- Author and majority member of numerous decisions on LGBT rights including same-sex adoptions, domestic partner rights, in vitro fertilization and child custody rights, and same-sex marriage
- Presided over numerous federal excessive force and wrongful arrest claims against local municipalities

Construction

- Mediated school construction claims alleging conflict of interest in construction management contracts

Education

- Mediated challenges to use of standardized tests in admissions decisions by major public university

Employment

- Neutral Evaluator in case concerning minority faculty allegations of discrimination in hiring and promotions at major public university
- Handled matters involving issues of discrimination based on race, age, gender, disability, medical condition, religion, sexual origin, national origin
- Handled sexual harassment and retaliation claims
- Mediated large wage and hour judgment on appeal against major agricultural union
- Issued injunction over claims of unfair labor practices in jewelry industry
- Handled CERCLA and CEQA claims re soil contamination of World War II disposal site
- Mediated large wage and hour judgment on appeal against major agricultural union
- Issued injunction over claims of unfair labor practices in jewelry industry

Entertainment

- Presided over commercial disputes involving copyright, trademark, and contract claims
- Presided over claim of misappropriation of popular musical soundtrack
- Presided over claim by Argentinean film maker for misappropriation of storyboard line for movie regarding underground civilization
- Presided over claims by film maker regarding misappropriation of storyboard line in a movie re: sophisticated mental patient
- Presided over alleged misappropriation of children's book characters and mis en scene
- Presided over royalty proceeds dispute among disbanded musical group
- Issued injunction on breach of contract claims re: misleading advertising by franchisee
- Presided over claims of misappropriation of noted composer and musician by tribute concert promoter

Environment

- Handled CERCLA and CEQA claims re soil contamination of World War II disposal site
- Handled claims re protection of threatened and endangered species at dam construction site
- Author of majority opinion re forest protection of Headlands purchase by State of California

Government Investigations

- Chaired Special Committee investigating allegations of health services sexual misconduct at major public university
- Independent investigation of racial slurs and misconduct at entertainment talent agency
- Awarded Daily Journal Clay Award as lead investigator in alleged interference with state audit by public university

Insurance

- Author of majority opinion in *McKinnon* and other coverage cases discussing "reasonable expectations of the insured"
- Author of coverage cases concerning mixed concurrent causation, successor liability, bad faith insurance claims, Brandt fees, policy interpretation, and lost policies

Intellectual Property

- Neutral evaluator in matters concerning patent standards, infringements, and trademarks
- Trial judge in patent infringement and patent invalidity claims, trade secrets, trademark, and copyright violations
- Presided over complex Walker Process patent infringement claims involving monopolization of market for electronic automotive accessories
- Presided over patent infringement claims for industrial scrubbers
- Presided over patent design claims of infringement of protective wear suits in tech industry

Real Property

- Mediated prescriptive easement claim over adjoining real property
- Arbitrated property dispute concerning conflict of interest by managing partner in large partnership development project

Honors, Memberships, and Professional Activities

- Los Angeles Police Commission's Advisory Committee on Building Trust and Equity, 2020
- Alumni Fellow of Yale's Board of Trustees, 2020
- LACBA "Trailblazer Award" (2018)
- Constitutional Rights Foundation Award for Community Service (2017)
- Lifetime Achievement Award, Mexican American Bar Association Foundation, 2011
- Cesar E. Chavez Legacy Award, 2011
- Lambda Legal Liberty Award, 2011
- Diversity Award, State Bar Council on Access & Fairness, 2011
- Esperanza Award, California Latino Caucus, 2011
- Equality & Justice Award, Equality California, 2010
- Yale University Medal, 2010
- Lifetime Achievement Award, Hispanic National Bar Association, 2009

- Legal Services for Children Advocacy Award, 2007
- Justice Roger J. Traynor Appellate Justice of the Year, Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, 2002
- Yale University – For God, For Country and For Yale Award, 2002
- Member, California Judges Association, Present
- President, Yale Club of Southern California, 1997-1999
- Board of Governors, Association of Yale Alumni, 1991-1994
- Board of Visitors, Stanford Law School, 1988-1991
- President, Mexican American Bar Association, 1982

Background and Education

- United States Ambassador to Belize, 2014-2017
- Of Counsel, Irell & Manella LLP, 2011-2013
- Associate Justice, California Supreme Court, 2001-2011
- United States District Judge, Central District of California, 1998-2001
- Judge of the Superior Court, County of Los Angeles, 1993-1998
- Judge of the Municipal Court, Compton Judicial District, 1986-1993
- Kelley, Drye & Warren, 1979-1986
- Deputy City Attorney, Los Angeles City Attorney, 1975-1979
- J.D., Stanford Law School, 1975
- B.A., Political Science, Yale University, 1970

News

- August 4, 2020
Los Angeles Mayor Appoints Justice Moreno and Judge Gandhi to Advisory Committee on Police Reform
<https://www.jamsadr.com/news/2020/los-angeles-mayor-appoints-justice-moreno-and-judge-gandhi-to-advisory-committee-on-police-reform>
- April 4, 2019
Hon. Carlos R. Moreno (Ret.) Awarded Friends of the Los Angeles County Law Library's Beacon of Justice Award
<https://www.jamsadr.com/news/2019/hon-carlos-r-moreno-ret-awarded-friends-of-the-los-angeles-county-law-librarys-beacon-of-justice-award>
- November 15, 2018
JAMS Sponsors 23rd Annual Sonenshine Pro Bono Reception
<https://www.jamsadr.com/news/2018/jams-sponsors-23rd-annual-sonenshine-pro-bono-reception>
- June 28, 2018
Hon. Carlos R. Moreno (Ret.) Receives Los Angeles County Bar Association's Trailblazer of the Bar Award
<https://www.jamsadr.com/news/2018/hon-carlos-r-moreno-ret-receives-los-angeles-county-bar-association-trailblazer-of-the-bar-award>
- March 23, 2018
Hon. Carlos Moreno (Ret.) Receives Prestigious CLAY Award
<https://www.jamsadr.com/news/2018/hon-carlos-moreno-ret-receives-prestigious-clay-award>
- May 25, 2017
Former California Supreme Court Justice Carlos R. Moreno Honored with Constitutional Rights Foundation's Bill of Rights Award
<https://www.jamsadr.com/news/2017/former-california-supreme-court-justice-carlos-r-moreno-honored-with-constitutional-rights-foundations-bill-of-rights-award>
- April 5, 2017
Former California Supreme Court Justice Carlos R. Moreno Joins JAMS in Los Angeles
<https://www.jamsadr.com/news/2017/former-california-supreme-court-justice-carlos-r-moreno-joins-jams-in-los-angeles>

Events

- September 27, 2019
2019 LACBA Diversity & Inclusion Conference
Los Angeles, CA, USA
<https://www.jamsadr.com//events/2019/2019-lacba-diversity-inclusion-conference>
- July 24 - 26, 2019
30th Annual Western Region General Counsel Conference: Western Region Government Relations Meeting
Los Angeles, CA, USA
<https://www.jamsadr.com//events/2019/30th-annual-western-region-general-counsel-conference-western-region-government-relations-meeting>
- July 11, 2019
Arbitration: A How-To Guide
Los Angeles, CA, USA
<https://www.jamsadr.com//events/2019/arbitration-a-how-to-guide>
- April 10, 2019
Friends of the Los Angeles County Law Library: 16th Beacon of Justice Award Gala Reception
Los Angeles, CA
<https://www.jamsadr.com//events/2019/friends-of-the-los-angeles-county-law-library-16th-beacon-of-justice-award-gala-reception>
- October, 18, 2018
Arbitration: A Favored Process?
Los Angeles, CA
<https://www.jamsadr.com//events/2018/arbitration-a-favored-process>
- May 31, 2018
Winning Edge: Latest ADR Tools for Complex Cases
Los Angeles, CA
<https://www.jamsadr.com//events/2018/adr-advocacy-for-complex-litigation-proven-strategies-and-recent-developments>
- September 6 - 9, 2017
HNBA 2017 Annual Convention
Kansas City, MO
<https://www.jamsadr.com//events/2017/hnba-2017-annual-convention>
- May 25, 2017
Constitutional Rights Foundation: 2017 Annual Spring Dinner
Beverly Hills, CA
<https://www.jamsadr.com//events/2017/constitutional-rights-foundation-2017-annual-spring-dinner>

Publications

- August 5, 2020
Former Justice and US Magistrate Join Police Reform Panel
Daily Journal
<https://www.jamsadr.com//files/uploads/documents/articles/gandhi-moreno-ladj-former-justice-and-us-magistrate-join-police-reform-panel-2020-08-05.pdf>
- Fall 2018
Shining the Spotlight on Higher Education and the Need for Neutrality
The Chronicle of Higher Education
<https://www.jamsadr.com//files/uploads/documents/articles/graham-moreno-thechronicle-shining-the-spotlight-on-higher-education-and-the-need-for-neutrality-2018-fall.pdf>
- December 15, 2017
In mediation and arbitration, it ain't over til it's over
Daily Journal

<https://www.jamsadr.com/files/uploads/documents/articles/moreno-dailyjournal-in-mediation-and-arbitration-it-aint-over-til-its-over-2017-12-15.pdf>

Practice Areas

- Appellate
- Business/Commercial
- Civil Rights
- Employment
- Entertainment & Sports
- Federal Law
- Health Care
- Insurance
- Intellectual Property

Locations

- Los Angeles, California
- Century City, California
- Inland Empire, California
- Orange County, California
- San Diego, California

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