

Speaker Biography

Honorable Susan Illston

Honorable Susan Illston was appointed to the United States District Court for the Northern District of California in May 1995, and her chambers are located in San Francisco, CA. Before joining the bench, she was a partner in the law firm of Cotchett, Illston & Pitre, in Burlingame, CA, specializing in civil litigation practice with emphasis on commercial litigation. Judge Illston is a member of various professional organizations, including the American College of Trial Lawyers and the American Board of Trial Advocates, and has also lectured and authored numerous articles. She received her B.A. at Duke University in 1970 and her J.D. at Stanford in 1973.