

Speaker Biography



Honorable Ronald M. Whyte

Current Position

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN
DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
*Appointed March 2, 1992 (Nominated by President George
Bush)*

Previous Employment

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Santa Clara County, California (1989-1992)

HOGE, FENTON, JONES & APPEL
San Jose, California (1971-1989)

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL CORPS, USNR
Lieutenant (1968-1971)

Education

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF LAW
J.D. (1967)

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
B.A., Mathematics (1964)

Professional Service

Judicial Liaison, Model Patent Instructions Committee for the
Northern District (2000-present)

Judicial Liaison, Local Patent Rules Committee for the Northern
District (1996-present)

Executive Committee, San Francisco Bay Area Intellectual
Property Inn of Court (1994-present)

Executive Committee, Santa Clara Inn of Court (1992-present;
President 1997-1998)

Board of Visitors, Santa Clara Law School (1997-present)

Intellectual Property Advisory Board, George Washington
University Law School (2000-present)

Dean's High Tech Advisory Council, Santa Clara Law School
(2001-present)

Member, California State-Federal Judicial Council (1997-2001)

Chair, Capital Habeas Corpus Committee for the Northern
District (1999-present)

Chair, Trial Court Delay Reduction Committee for the Superior
Court for Santa Clara County (1989-1992)

Legal Counsel to the Santa Clara County Bar Association
(1986-1989)

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Conference Presentations and Teaching Experience (Representative Sample)

Panelist at Advanced Patent Litigation Seminar sponsored by the American Intellectual Property Law Association (2005)

Panelist at Federal Circuit Bar Association's Bench and Bar Conference on "Standard Patent Jury Instructions" (2005)

Speaker at "Ideas Into Action—Implementing Reforms of the Patent System," a conference sponsored by the Berkeley Center for Law and Technology, the Federal Trade Commission and National Academy of Sciences (2004)

Speaker at "Annual Intellectual Property Institute" of the State Bar of California (2004)

Speaker at "Intellectual Property in the New Technological Age," a conference sponsored by the Federal Judicial Center and the Berkeley Center for Law & Technology (2001, 2002 and 2003)

Speaker at "Third Bench and Bar Conference," Federal Circuit Bar Association (May 2001)

Speaker at "The 16th Annual Spring CLE Program," American Bar Association Section of Intellectual Property Law (April 2001)

Speaker at the National Conference on Intellectual Property Rights in Abuja, Nigeria sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce (January 2002)

Advisor for the Judicial Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights conferences in Luxor and Cairo, Egypt sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Egyptian National Center for Judicial Studies (March 2000)

Panelist at "Trial of a Patent Case," ALI-ABA course in Chicago, Illinois (1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2004)

Panelist at meeting of Association of Corporate Patent Counsel in Las Croabas, Puerto Rico (2004)

Lecturer at Santa Clara Law School teaching Judicial Externship Class (2001-2004)

Lectured for the Federal Bar Association, California Continuing Education of the Bar, The Rutter Group, the Santa Clara County Bar Association, the Orange County Bar Association, the State Bar of California, Boalt Law School, Santa Clara Law School, Stanford Law School and other organizations on various subjects including patent, copyright, trademark and trade secret law, trial practice, civil procedure, law and motion, judicial arbitration and governmental tort liability.

Santa Clara County Trial Lawyers Association's Judge of the Year (1992)

2001 Distinguished Service Award, Berkeley Center for Law and Technology

2003 Distinguished Visitor, Lewis & Clark Law School

Santa Clara County Trial Lawyers Association's Federal Judge of the Year (2003)