



Hon. Teresa Sánchez-Gordon
Judge of the Superior Court (Ret.)



JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

2000 – 2017 Judge, Los Angeles Superior Court, Stanley Mosk Civil Courthouse

- Independent calendar court, 2001-2017
- Handled cases in the areas of class actions, insurance coverage, business, employment, professional liability (legal and medical), among others
- Site Judge, long cause felony and civil calendar, Alhambra, 2000

1997 – 2000 Judge, Los Angeles Municipal Court

- Presiding Judge, 1999-2000, East Los Angeles
- Presided over a direct misdemeanor calendar
- Elected in 1996, elevated upon court unification in 2000

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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| - Personal Injury | - Professional Liability (Legal and Medical) |
| - Employment | - Insurance Coverage |
| - Business & Commercial | - Real Estate |

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

1990 – 1996 Deputy Federal Public Defender, Office of the Federal Public Defender

- United States Courthouse, Central District

**1988 – 1990 Director, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor
Labor Immigrant Assistance Project**

- Helped immigrant workers obtain legal status under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986

HONORS & AWARDS

- Woman of the Year Award, Los Angeles County Commission on Women
- Abriendo Caminos Award, Latina Lawyers Bar Association
- Hispanic Woman of the Year Award, Mexican American Opportunity Foundation
- Outstanding Alumna Achievement Award, People's College of the Law
- Distinguished Judges Award, Presiding Judges Association, Los Angeles Municipal Court
- Adelita Award, Dolores Huerta Foundation

EDUCATION

- J.D., People's College of the Law
- Immaculate Heart College

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Founder, Latina Lawyers Bar Association
- Board Member, Mexican American Bar Foundation
- Executive Board, California Judges Association
- National Association of Women Judges
- President, California Latino Judges Association
- Faculty Member, Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER)
- Judicial Delegate to Mexico headed by California Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald George

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Board Member, Proyecto Pastoral at Dolores Mission Church
- Mentor, YMCA
- Chairperson for the Board of Directors, Mexican American Opportunity Foundation
- Frequent host to students at the courthouse
- Lecturer at community and school forums on court/community issues

LANGUAGES

Judge Sánchez-Gordon is fluent in Spanish and is readily available to assist counsel with Spanish-speaking clients.

PERSONAL

Prior to her election to the bench, Judge Sánchez-Gordon began her professional career as an elementary schoolteacher in Los Angeles after graduating from Immaculate Heart College. While a schoolteacher, she attended People's College of the Law in the evenings and was admitted to the California State Bar in 1988.

Judge Sánchez-Gordon was born in Mexico and raised in East Los Angeles. She is the eldest of eleven children. She now resides in Silver Lake with her husband, attorney Walter L. Gordon, III. Together, they are proud parents and grandparents.