

DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

ROBERT MESTMAN FOR JUDGE



Robert Mestman is an Orange County Deputy District Attorney and has been a criminal prosecutor for more than 24 years. He also served as a special federal prosecutor and on the Board of Directors of the California District Attorneys Association. Robert graduated *cum laude* from Northwestern University School of Law has been in public service for most of his career, devoted to public safety and the fair administration of justice. As a prosecutor, Robert has fought hard for the people of Orange County in the pursuit of justice, but also worked to ensure fairness for all and integrity of the judicial process. As a judge, he plans to continue these efforts with the utmost professionalism and while treating all parties with respect. Robert lives in Huntington Beach with his wife and two children.

EDUCATION:

- **Juris Doctor, *cum laude***, Northwestern University School of Law, 2000
- **Masters of Business Administration**, Kellogg Graduate School of Management, 2000

RECOGNITION:

- Recipient, **Distinguished Prosecutor Award**, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)
- **Chair, Legislation Committee**, Orange County District Attorney's Office
- **Board Member**, California District Attorney's Association
- **Instructor of the Year** (2015), California District Attorney's Association
- **Statewide expert** on sexual assault prosecutions, felony sentencing and ethical jury selection (voir dire)
- **Published multiple times** in legal journals' *Prosecutor's Brief* and *CDAA's Did You Know*

POSITIONS:

- **Deputy District Attorney**, Orange County District Attorney's Office, 2006-Present
- **Deputy District Attorney**, Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office, 2004-2006
- **Deputy District Attorney**, Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, 2001-2004

EXPERIENCE:

- Breath of experience as **trial prosecutor** (sexual assault, gangs, special prosecutions, DNA)
- Tried **more than 75 jury trials with 85% conviction rate**
- **Special Assistant U.S. Attorney** (public corruption)
- Formed & supervised **Conviction Integrity Unit**
- **Supervisor** of Sexual Assault Unit
- **Executive Management & Division Chief** overseeing 6 prosecution units
- **Chair, Civic Action Committee**