

JUDICIAL PROFILE QUESTIONNAIRE

Doreen B. Boxer

Name

1. **Courtroom Information:**

- a. District: Central
- b. Department: 59
- c. Department Telephone: 213-633-5859
- d. Judicial Assistant's Name: Jose Cruz
- e. Courtroom Assistant's Name: N/A
- f. Bailiff's Name: Deputy Willie Valenzuela
- g. Court Reporter's Name: Ronald Kim
- h. Court Reporter's Telephone Number: 661-481-6682

2. **Education:**

B.S., New York University, 1986; J.D., Cardozo Law School, 1989

3. **Appointment / Election:**

Elected Commissioner August 2015

4. **Other Judicial Assignments:**

Restraining Order Courtroom, Norwalk Courthouse, 2015 – 2017
Family Law Home Court, Stanley Mosk Courthouse, 2017 – present

5. **Past Employment:**

Sole practitioner, Boxer Law Corporation, Irvine, CA, January 2011 – August 2015
Public Defender, San Bernardino County Public Defender, San Bernardino, CA, March 2006 – December 2010
Deputy Public Defender, Orange County Public Defender, Santa Ana, CA, July 1996 – March 2006
Deputy Public Defender, Los Angeles County Public Defender, Los Angeles, CA April 1995 – July 1996
Sole practitioner, Law Office of Doreen Boxer, Los Angeles, CA, July 1994 – April 1995
Legal Aid Society, Criminal Defense Division, Brooklyn, NY, September 1989 – December 1992

6. **Prior Family Law Experience:**

I handled 3 Dissolutions and 7 DVRO requests while a sole practitioner

7. **How Long on the Family Law Bench:**

Since August 2015

8. **Recent Publications:**

Earlier Publications include:

Criminal Evidence Handbook, 2nd Ed., Los Angeles: Courtroom Compendiums, 2007

Criminal Evidence Handbook, Los Angeles: Courtroom Compendiums, 2006

Criminal Trial Notebook: California, Los Angeles: Courtroom Compendiums, 1997 Updates, 1998, 1999, 2001

California Defender Magazine Columnist, "Trial Tips," articles include:

"Can a Conversation in Public Be Confidential?" Summer 2013

"Prosecutorial Responsibilities Under Brady," Winter 2013

"Brady: What Prosecutors Need Not Disclose," Fall 2012

"Media Recording Courtroom Proceedings," Spring 2011

"Games We Shouldn't Play," Spring Update 2006

"Declarations Against Penal Interest II," Winter/Spring 2004

"Declarations Against Penal Interest," Summer 2003

"Transferred Intent and People v. Bland," Spring 2003

"Impeaching With Extrinsic Evidence," Spring 2002

"Transferred Intent," Second/Third Quarters 2001

"Contempt and the Trial Lawyer," First Quarter 2001

"Defense Access to Evidence," Fourth Quarter 2000

"Juror Misconduct," Third Quarter 2000

"Evidence and Ethical Considerations," First/Second Quarters 2000

"Immunity Agreements," Third/Fourth Quarters 1999

"Guaranteeing Witness' Appearance," Second Quarter 1999

"Keeping Out Priors," First Quarter 1999

"Trying a Chair," Fall 1998

"Press Coverage in the Courtroom in Criminal Cases," Summer 1998

The Gavel, Orange County Trial Lawyers Association, Quarterly Publication

"What? My Client Has Just Been Arrested?" Fall 2005

9. **RFO Procedures:**

- a. Oral Testimony: Parties' testimony on relevant, non-cumulative issues is encouraged to be brief and to the point. Notice pursuant to Family Code § 217 required for third party witnesses, unless good cause shown.
 - b. Chamber Conferences: Only on the rarest of occasions, and only with consent of the parties.
 - c. Use of ADR Family Mediator: Parties should agree on a selection and payment of mediator.
 - d. Custody Evaluations / Minor's Counsel: When in the best interests of a minor, in compliance with relevant code sections.
 - e. Policy Re Continuances: Only upon good cause or by stipulation for convenience of parties, witnesses, or attorneys.
 - f. Attorney Fees: I require updated or current financial information, and a good cause showing of reasonable fees. Where earlier fee orders were granted the party should establish those fees were spent prudently.
10. **Ex Parte Matters**: Compliant with relevant statute and Rules of Court requirements.
 11. **Judgments**: Generally should be filed with the Clerk.
 12. **First Calendar**: We begin check-in at 8:30 a.m. I take the bench after check-in and after parties have had a chance to execute any necessary Stipulations to the Commissioner.
 13. **Calendar Calls**: First call begins after check-in and concludes at 10:30 a.m. when the court takes a break. Second call begins at approximately 10:45 a.m. and concludes at noon. The afternoon calendar commences at 1:30 p.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m., with one 15-minute break at approximately 3:00 p.m.
 14. **Trial Setting Conferences**: Parties must serve and file their Trial Brief, Witness List, Exhibit List, and, if appropriate, updated Income and Expense Declarations at least 7 days before the Trial Setting Conference in Dept. 59.
 15. **Other Matters**: Prior to evidentiary hearings, parties should meet and confer to mark exhibits, make stipulations on issues that are not in dispute, and resolve any evidentiary

objections. I try to give attorneys a full opportunity to present their cases in the manner they feel is best; however, attorneys should carefully balance the value of a witness's testimony against the amount of time the witness's testimony will take (including cross-examination) before they call such witness. This is especially so when considering calling third-party witnesses before calling the parties. I prefer the format of written objections to evidence to be compliant with California Rules of Court, rule 3.1354, subdivision (b).

16. **Pet Peeves:** Anyone who promotes false information.
17. **Pointers:** Be ready to provide relevant law for any topic important to your matter. Always explain your point in a calm manner. Prefer written objections to evidence be compliant with California Rules of Court, rule 3.1354, subdivision (b).