

JUDICIAL PROFILE QUESTIONNAIRE

Alex Giza
Name

1. **Courtroom Information:**
 - a. District: Central
 - b. Department: 7
 - c. Department Telephone: 213-633-0507
 - d. Judicial Assistant's Name: Mardessa Rudolph
 - e. Courtroom Assistant's Name: Kathy Hong
 - f. Bailiff's Name: usually Anthony Gaitan
 - g. Court Reporter's Name: Elizabeth Virgoe
 - h. Court Reporter's Telephone Number: 714-624-9129

2. **Education:** UVA BSEE; UCLAW

3. **Appointment / Election:** Nov 2018

4. **Other Judicial Assignments:** n/a

5. **Past Employment:** Hueston Hennigan, Russ August Kabat, Irell & Manella, IAI America, Eaton, Westinghouse Electric

6. **Prior Family Law Experience:** limited

7. **How Long on the Family Law Bench:** 1.5 years

8. **Recent Publications:**

9. **RFO Procedures:**

- a. Oral Testimony: As needed/appropriate

- b. Chamber Conferences: By agreement of parties and counsel

- c. Use of ADR Family Mediator: AOK

- d. Custody Evaluations / Minor's Counsel:

- e. Policy Re Continuances: Typically grant agreed continuance requests

- f. Attorney Fees:

10. **Ex Parte Matters:**

11. **Judgments:**

12. **First Calendar:**

13. **Calendar Calls:**

If there is agreement or partial agreement, including if the parties agree the matter will be very short, tell the clerk at check-in.

14. **Trial Setting Conferences:**

Have a list of general issues in dispute, e.g., custody/visitation, child support, spousal support, attorneys' fees, community property (and the main property issues – house, car, IRA, debt). Also, have an estimated # of witnesses and exhibits as well as estimated trial time. This is a purely procedural hearing and should not last more than 10 mins total.

15. **Other Matters:**

16. **Pet Peeves:** Improperly prepared exhibits – not labelled, not properly numbered.

Talking over others, especially with telephonic participation.

Overstated arguments and unnecessary/disparaging comments about opposing counsel/party – anything that increases the conflict and tension in the courtroom.

17. **Pointers:** Make your papers as short and clear as possible. “Everything should be made as simple as possible, but no simpler.”

Talk w opposing counsel/party before the hearing - not just about merits but also about any procedural matters, e.g., order of presentation, exchange of exhibits. I am typically open to going by the procedure agreed to by the parties.

Have a short summary of the most important 1-3 points and the best support. Less than 5 min. I want to make sure I haven't missed anything important - I'll ask questions if I need clarification.

Arguing minutiae and irrelevancies can negatively affect credibility.