

JUDICIAL PROFILE QUESTIONNAIRE

Joshua D, Wayser

Name

1. **Courtroom Information:**

- a. District: Central
- b. Department: 60
- c. Department Telephone: 213-633-0660
- d. Judicial Assistant's Name: Edwin Martinez
- e. Courtroom Assistant's Name: n/a
- f. Bailiff's Name: Anthony Oliva
- g. Court Reporter's Name: Brigitte Cusimano
- h. Court Reporter's Telephone Number: bcusimano@lacourt.org (preferred contact)

2. **Education:**

Columbia University (BA 1985; JD 1988)

3. **Appointment / Election:**

I was appointed by Governor Brown on November 13, 2015 and took the bench on January 29, 2016.

4. **Other Judicial Assignments:**

Dependency Court for two years.

5. **Past Employment:**

I was a creditor's rights lawyer at several firms.

6. **Prior Family Law Experience:**

Before taking the bench, my experience with family law related to dealing with community property issues in the making and collection of loans.

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

Two and a half years.

8. **Recent Publications:**

n/a

9. **RFO Procedures:**

a. Oral Testimony:

Follow the code and rules.

b. Chamber Conferences:

Willingly if both sides consent. Happy to make a record of them; whether by minute order or walking the matter on calendar. Please use sparingly.

c. Use of ADR Family Mediator:

Talk settlement early and often.

d. Custody Evaluations / Minor's Counsel:

I prefer PPA's; minor's counsel will be appointed if the record requires it.

e. Policy Re Continuances:

Work cooperatively under FC 271.

f. Attorney Fees:

Billing statements please. I know the redactions are a pain.

10. **Ex Parte Matters:**

If we get back to regular proceedings, I often hear them on the record.

11. **Judgments:**

No special rules.

12. **First Calendar:**

My practice is to take the bench and be ready to go at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

13. **Calendar Calls:**

Not applicable.

14. **Trial Setting Conferences:**

I like a tsc before trying anything.

15. **Other Matters:**

My email is jwayser@lacourt.org. You may use it to contact the court if both sides agreed to do so. Please avoid anything of substance and just explain “we need a chambers conference re: “ and provide a few times that both sides are available.

I prefer to take third party or expert witnesses out or order or at an agreed time both as a matter of courtesy and cost.

16. **Pet Peeves:**

None.

17. **Pointers:**

I will read everything you submit (including the exhibits) but just remember it can take a week for pleadings to scan onto our docket system.

Also, I find it helpful to have the exhibits on a thumb drive and please make sure to have a copy of the exhibits for me.