

JUDICIAL PROFILE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. **Courtroom Information:**
 - a. District: Central
 - b. Department: 81
 - c. Department Telephone: 213-830-0781
 - d. Judicial Assistant's Name: Cindy (Audrey) Kim
 - e. Courtroom Assistant's Name: Ranko Spremo
 - f. Bailiff's Name: Deputy Koo
 - g. Court Reporter's Name: Debra Rivera
 - h. Court Reporter's Telephone Number: to contact please use email, which is driveral@lacourt.org

2. **Education:** B.A., Pomona College; J.D. Harvard Law School

3. **Appointment / Election:** appointed December 2017

4. **Other Judicial Assignments:** pro tem, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division One (January 2019-May 2020)

5. **Past Employment:** Law clerk to the Hon. Wm. Matthew Byrne, Jr. (1991-1992); Assistant United States Attorney (1995-2004); Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP (1992-1995, 2004-2017)

6. **Prior Family Law Experience:** none before joining the bench

7. **How Long on the Family Law Bench:** since January 2018

8. **Recent Publications:**

9. **RFO Procedures:**

- a. Oral Testimony: If counsel request a 217 hearing, I inquire as to an offer of proof for each witness and set time limits if appropriate. I typically accept the declarations as the direct testimony, and then permit cross-examination.

- b. Chamber Conferences: not held

- c. Use of ADR Family Mediator: encouraged; when DSOs are available I make liberal use of them (and want to express my deep appreciation to all family law attorneys who volunteer their time to serve as DSOs).

- d. Custody Evaluations / Minor's Counsel: used where appropriate

- e. Policy Re Continuances: one, after that only on good cause

- f. Attorney Fees:

10. **Ex Parte Matters:** Usually decided on the papers. I adhere to the rule regarding the limited circumstances in which ex parte relief is appropriate.

11. **Judgments:**

12. **First Calendar:** 8:30 a.m.

13. **Calendar Calls:** 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m.

14. **Trial Setting Conferences:** held Mondays and Tuesdays

15. **Other Matters:**

16. **Pet Peeves:** Please meet and confer before the hearing to narrow, if possible, the issues in actual dispute. Please be mindful of the record – bring sufficient copies of exhibits you intend to use (and exchange any non-impeachment exhibits beforehand), do not speak over others, and if you object please state the grounds and do not make a speech. If you are making or opposing a motion for child support or temporary spousal support, please attach a proposed DissoMaster with the inputs you believe the court should use. Please be thoughtful in any evidentiary objections lodged to declarations –sometimes they have an everything including the kitchen sink approach, which is unhelpful.

17. **Pointers:** I will want to discuss case management at the first appearance, and set case management related dates, so please be prepared for that discussion and to provide input on how the case can best be moved towards resolution.

