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RESEARCH GUIDE

JUDICIAL DIRECTORIES

1. FEDERAL (BIOGRAPHIES)

Almanac of the Federal Judiciary.

Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Aspen Law and Business. 2 volume looseleaf, updated biennially. (KF8700 .A19 A4, Reference, WESTLAW, Database AFJ.)

Vol. I Profiles and Evaluations of All Judges of the U.S. District Courts.

Detailed biographical information including publications, professional associations, academic honors, noteworthy rulings, media coverage and lawyers' evaluations. Includes judges on the U. S. Tax Court, U. S. Claims Court, Court of International Trade, Court of Military Appeals, Bankruptcy Judges and U. S. Magistrates.

Vol. II Profiles and Evaluations of All Judges of the US Circuit Courts and the U. S. Supreme Court. Includes the same categories of information as found in Vol. I. Additionally, Vol. II provides introductory material to each circuit and the Supreme Court.

WESTLAW Note: "lawyers' evaluation" and "media coverage" portions of the biographies, and "lawyers' comments" on the circuit courts are not included in the WESTLAW database. Please refer to the printed version for this material.

Biographical Directory of the Federal Judiciary, 1789-2000.

1st ed., Lanham, MD : Bernan Press, 2001.

(KF8700.A19 B48 2001, Reference)

Biographical information for every justice and judge appointed under Art. III of the US Constitution. Also includes court histories, legislative histories.

Judges of the United States Courts.

http://air.fjc.gov/history/judges_frm.html

This database contains service records and biographical information for all judges who have served on the U.S. District Courts, U.S. Circuit Courts, U.S. Courts of Appeals, and the Supreme Court since 1789. To view a judge's biographical entry, type in the judge's name (Last name, First name) or use the alphabetical index. The database is also searchable by dates and categories.

Findlaw US Supreme Court.

http://guide.lp.findlaw.com/10fedgov/judicial/supreme_court/biographies.html --

links to several biographical resources on the Internet with biographical profiles of US Supreme Court justices.

2. CALIFORNIA (BIOGRAPHIES)

California Courts and Judges.

Costa Mesa, CA: James Publishing, 1968- (KFC955 .A97, Current: Reference, Superseded: 5th Stacks)

Profiles of California judges as well as an encyclopedia of the California judiciary and court system. Part I is a court directory and encyclopedia -- including court history, key personnel, court related offices. Part II is an alphabetical listing of brief judicial biographies.

Judicial Profiles.

Los Angeles: Daily Journal Corp., 1991- .
13 volume looseleaf with quarterly updates. (KFC955 .J73, Reference)
Biographical information of judges in all California state and federal courts. Often humorous or anecdotal, these biographies first appeared as columns in the *L. A. Daily Journal*. Profiles contain personal information as well as records of education and service.

Northern California Volumes:

- I & II - Bay Area & Central Counties State Courts
- III - Northern Counties State Courts
- IV - Federal Courts, CA Courts of Appeal, CA Supreme Court, & CA State Bar Court
- V & VI - Private Judges

Southern California Volumes:

- I - III, VII - Southern Counties State Courts
- IV - Federal Courts, CA Courts of Appeal, CA Supreme Court, & CA State Bar Court
- V & VI - Private Judges

Law.com California.

<http://www.law.com/regionals/ca/onthebench/onthebench.shtml>

Contains a growing number of judicial profiles of California Judges, including recent appointments and federal judges in the state, written by the staff of *The Recorder*. (requires password: inquire at reference desk)

State Appellate Court web sites

contain extensive biographies of their judges:

California Supreme Court --

<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courts/supreme/justices.htm>

California Courts of Appeal --

http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courts/courts_of_appeal/

3. FEDERAL AND STATES (BIOGRAPHIES)

The American Bench: Judges of the Nation.

Minneapolis: Reginald Bishop Forster & Associates, 1977- .
(KF8700 .A19 A54, Current: Reference, Superseded: 5th Stacks)
Brief biographies of over 17,000 federal and state judges with jurisdictional, structural and geographical information on their courts. Biographical information is submitted by the judges themselves.

Who's Who in American Law.

Wilmette, IL: Marquis, 1977/78- .
(KF190 .W55, Current: Reference, Superseded: 5th Stacks)
Biographical information conforming to standard Who's Who categories and formats. Selective, not comprehensive; standards for inclusion are based either on position of responsibility or noteworthy achievements.

Westlaw: [West's Legal Directory - Judges](#)

contains court office profiles and profiles of individual full time judges from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia.

4. SAN FRANCISCO (BIOGRAPHIES)

San Francisco Bench Book.

San Francisco: Recorder Books, 2002.
(KFC993 .D4 S3, Reference)
Biographical information based on interviews with judges, magistrates and commissioners sitting on San Francisco Municipal and Superior Courts, and California Court of Appeal - First District, US District Court - Northern District, Bankruptcy Court. Interviews are conducted by the Barristers Club of San Francisco. Members of the California Supreme Court provided their own biographies. All biographies are intended to assist new attorneys in San Francisco courtrooms.

5. CALIFORNIA (ADDRESSES AND COURT INFORMATION)

California Court Directory.

Los Angeles: Daily Journal Corporation
(available at the Reference Desk)

A monthly supplement to the *Daily Journal* that lists names, addresses, and phone numbers of judges and administrative personnel for federal and state courts in California, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the US Supreme Court.

Complete court information is available on internet at Administrative Office of the Courts, California Courts web site:

California Superior Courts -

<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courts/trial/>

California Courts of Appeal -

<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courts/courtsofappeal/>

California Supreme Court -

<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courts/supreme/>

6. FEDERAL AND STATES (ADDRESSES AND COURT INFORMATION)

BNA's Directory of State and Federal Courts, Judges and Clerks.

Washington: Bureau of National Affairs, 1992- .

(KF8700 .A19 B15, Current: Reference, Superseded: 5th Stacks)

This directory contains court structures and listings for all 50 states, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands.

The Directory of Minority Judges of the United States.

Chicago, Ill.: American Bar Association.

(KF8700.A19 D57 2001, , Current: Reference, Superseded: 5th Stacks)

Directory of African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic, Native-American and Tribal Court judges of the United States.

United States Tribal Courts Directory.

Buffalo, N.Y. : W.S. Hein, 2002.

(KF8224.C6 S39 2002, Reference)

Directory of tribal courts by state includes addresses, phone numbers and selected court histories.

Want's Federal-State Court Directory.

Washington, D.C. : WANT Pub. Co., 1984-

(KF8700.A19 F42, Current: Reference, Superseded: 5th Stacks)

This directory's most useful features are state court diagrams and a comprehensive listing of federal judges.

American Judicature Society, **Judicial Selection in the United States** - a guide to the methods of judicial selection for the state courts - <http://www.ajs.org/js/>

Federal Court Locator from Villanova University School of Law -

<http://vls.law.vill.edu/Locator/fedcourt.html>

Links to State Court Web Sites from the National Center for State Courts -

http://www.ncsconline.org/D_KIS/info_court_web_sites.html

7. JUDICIAL STAFF

Judicial Staff Directory.

Mt. Vernon, Va. : Congressional Staff Directory, Ltd., 1986- .

(KF8700.A19 J83, Reference, Superseded: 5th Stacks)

Directory and selected biographies of staff for Federal and State Courts, and the Department of Justice.

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