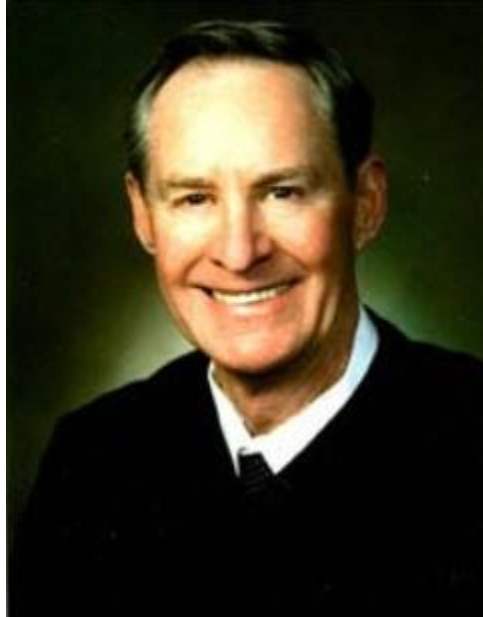


Fred Woods

Pampa High School Class of 1953



Justice Fred Woods is a native of Texas, born in 1935 in Corpus Christi. His family later relocated to Pampa, where he was raised. Fred was an athlete at Pampa High School where he started on the undefeated State Championship basketball team in 1953, and was named to the All State basketball team.

At Rice University, Fred lettered on the basketball team all four years, was team captain, and received the Billy Wohn Award for the most valuable player. There he met his wife, Penny, also a Rice graduate and 1957 Cotton Bowl Queen. In 1958 they married and he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology.

At Rice, Fred was in the Naval ROTC program, and upon graduation served on active duty as an officer in the United States Navy for two years as minesweeping, supply and operations officer on the USS Guide. Thereafter, he served in the Naval Reserve for nine years where he qualified as a submarine officer and was a member of the Judge Advocate Corps. He was honorably discharged in 1969 with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Fred attended Loyola Law School in Los Angeles and received his Doctor of Juris Prudence degree in 1963. He was admitted to the California Bar in 1964. Before appointment to the bench, Fred was a partner in the law firm of Riedman, Dalessi, Woods and Dybens for twenty years. He was a member of the American, California, Los Angeles County, and Long Beach Bar Associations. His service includes being a panelist for continuing education of the Bar programs in civil trial tactics and evaluating and proving damages in California. He was organizer and faculty member of the Long Beach Bar trial clinic, served on the Board of Directors, was a Principal Disciplinary Referee and Judge of State Bar Court, and Arbitrator for Los Angeles County Superior Court.

He was appointed to the Los Angeles County Superior Court in 1984 and served in criminal trials, civil trials, law and motion department, and the appellate department of the Superior Court as well as a member of the Court Executive Committee. In 1988 Fred was elevated to the California Court of Appeal, where he still serves. He has served on the Executive Committee and the Appellate Record Oversight Panel as Presiding Justice. He chaired the Appellate Delay Reduction Committee and Executive Legislative Action Network for the Second Appellate District. In May 2005, Fred was acknowledged by California Judges Association for twenty five years of distinguished and extraordinary leadership service to the California State Judiciary.

As an Appeals Court Justice, Fred authored numerous appellate opinions including *Fisher v. San Pedro Peninsula Hospital* (1989) 214 Cal. App. 3d 590, pertaining to environmental sexual harassment and "Sanctions – Stepchild or Natural Heir to Trial and Appellate Court Delay Reduction?" (Pepperdine Law Review, Vol. 17, No. 3, 1990).

At All Saints Church, Fred served on the Vestry governing board, as a lay reader and chalice bearer, Sunday School Superintendent and Teacher, Junior Warden and senior Warden. He received the Cornish Memorial Award for long and faithful service.

Fred has been president of the Los Alamitos Jaycees and Long Beach Downtown Optimists Club. He is a former Judge Advocate and member of the Board of Directors of the Long Beach Yacht Club, and a past chairperson of the Long Beach Downtown YMCA Board of Directors where he was also an instructor for the advanced physical fitness program. Other memberships include Long Beach Chamber of Commerce and Rossmoor Homeowners Association. Fred has been active in Rotary, Senior Care Action Network, and Long Beach Leadership Prayer Breakfast program for twenty-seven years.

Fred has completed thirteen marathons, including the Boston Marathon, participated (skipper) in ten Ensenada sailboat races, and crewed on an extensive sailboat trip from Long Beach to the Marquesas Islands (3,000 miles). He continues to run, hike and swim.

Justice Woods and Penny have two sons. Nick is a teacher of high school English and Andy is a college professor in Theology. Andy and Anne are parents of granddaughter, Sarah.