

Hon. Peter J. Wilson

Orange County Superior Court

Dept C12 – Civil Calendar

Judge Peter J. Wilson was appointed to the Bench in Orange County on February 1, 2010, where he currently has a civil assignment. He serves on the Court's Finance, Technology and Security Committees, and was recently appointed by the Chief Justice to serve on the Judicial Council's Court Technology Advisory Committee. Judge Wilson was born in South Africa and educated there (B.Comm and LL.B from Rhodes University, South Africa) and in Scotland (Diploma in Criminology, Edinburgh University). He practiced as a Barrister in South Africa (first as a public prosecutor and then in private practice) for 8 years, covering criminal law (including both the prosecution and defense of capital cases), family law, personal injury law, maritime law, and general civil practice. He was admitted to the California Bar in December 1986, and practiced as a trial lawyer in the Orange County office of Latham & Watkins LLP from 1986 through 2009, with 18 of those years as a partner. At Latham, Judge Wilson served as Chair of the Orange County office's litigation department, and also served on the committee responsible for partnership recommendations, the Professional Standards committee, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Review Board. He has also served on the Orange County Bar Association's Professionalism and Ethics Committee, and on the Boards of the Constitutional Rights Foundation, the Association of Business Trial Lawyers, and the Federal Bar Association.