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LEE C. PEARCE

GENERAL INFORMATION

Since 1975, Lee C. Pearce has been an active family lawyer in Contra Costa County, California. He was a member of the first class of Certified Family Law Specialists in 1980. He has been a director of the Family Law Section of the Contra Costa County Bar Association since its inception in 1988 until 2011 when he retired from the Board, and has served as its president three times. In 2006, he was responsible for designing the comprehensive survey of Contra Costa Family Lawyers in connection with *Elkins v. Superior Court* and wrote the Supreme Court amicus brief in connection with *Elkins* on behalf of the Family Law Section. He has been a member of the Bench/Bar Family Law Committee since its inception until 2011 and is intimately familiar with the challenges facing family lawyers and the courts as they have evolved over several decades.

PRIVATE JUDGING EXPERIENCE

Lee C. Pearce has frequently served as a judge pro tem in the family courts of Contra Costa County since 1982. He has regularly served as a privately compensated family law judge since 2001. Since then, he has limited his practice to acting as a neutral, either as a private judge, mediator or special master.

As a private judge, he has handled all aspects of family law property characterization and division, stock option allocation, business valuation, tracing, and other aspects of complex property litigation, as well as custody, support and access disputes.

MEDIATION

Mr. Pearce was first trained as a family law mediator in 1992, and has had an active mediation practice since that time. He has mediated all aspects of family law litigation, including complex property and tracing issues, custody, child and spousal support, as well as non-litigation issues, such as premarital agreements, co-parenting agreements, post divorce modifications and the like.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- 1975 Admitted to the State Bar of California
- 1975 – 2001 Private practice of family law in Contra Costa County, California
- 1980 - present Member of the first class of Family Law Specialists certified by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization
- 1988 - 2011 Member of the Board of Directors of the Family Law Section of the Contra Costa County Bar Association
- 2001 - present Practice limited to neutral work as a private family law judge and mediator See <http://www.privatefamilylawjudge.com>

EDUCATION AND MILITARY SERVICE

- 1975 J.D. Golden Gate University
- 1969 – 1972 Officer, United States Army
- 1969 Old Dominion University, B.S. in Political Science

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since the early 1990's he has frequently presented classes and trainings to the private bar at Bar Association sessions on a variety of subjects relating to family law, including property tracing, business valuation, use of social media in family law, and limited scope private judging. He has received many awards and certificates for his participation and leadership in Court and Bar Association projects and programs and is recognized as a leader of the family law legal community in Contra Costa County, California.