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HON. SCOTT M. GORDON (RET.)

Mediator, Arbitrator, Judge Pro Tem,
Discovery Referee, Parent Plan Coordinator

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Hon. Scott M. Gordon (Ret.) brings more than four decades of experience at the local, state, national and international levels to his role as a mediator and arbitrator at Signature Resolution.

BIOGRAPHY

Judge Gordon served on the Los Angeles Superior Court for 17 years and spent nine years in leadership positions as the Assistant Supervising and Supervising Judge of the Family Law and Criminal Divisions. He was appointed by the Chief Justice of California as a voting member on the Judicial Council of California, the policy-making body for the Judicial Branch.

During his tenure in the Family Law Division, he handled thousands of cases, many of which were complex, high-profile business, sports and entertainment cases. He presided over trials and settled cases involving the most complex property, business and child custody issues.

Judge Gordon has unique experience handling international child custody disputes and child abduction cases. He was appointed by the Chief Justice of California to provide technical assistance to California judges regarding the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and was named by the United States Department of State to be one of the four judges in the United States to serve on the International Network of Hague Convention Judges.

Judge Gordon has extensive experience in issues dealing with law enforcement and police misconduct cases. He previously served as a police officer and detective for the Santa Monica Police Department and as an Instructor for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles Police Department and the FBI. As a deputy district attorney, he was the first former law enforcement officer selected to serve in the Special Investigations Division responsible for the investigation and prosecution of officer involved shootings and police misconduct.

He is known for working closely with counsel to find fair, creative and individually tailored solutions to

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settle the most complicated disputes. He recognizes that every case presents unique issues and that it is essential to understand each party's interests, needs and concerns to find a resolution to the dispute.

He has served as an Adjunct Professor of Law for 30 years.

EXPERIENCE

- Los Angeles County Superior Court, **Judge** (2010–2019)
- Los Angeles County Superior Court, **Superior Court Commissioner** (2002–2010)
- Southwestern Law School, **Adjunct Law Professor** (1989–2019)
- Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, **Deputy District Attorney** (1986–2002)
- Santa Monica Police Department, **Police Officer / Detective** (1978–1985)

ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS & MEMBERSHIPS

- California Chief Justice's Award for Exemplary Leadership
- Los Angeles County Bar Association Family Law Section, **The Spencer Brandeis Award**
- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, **Family Law Judicial Officer of the Year**
- Ethel Levitt Award for Humanitarian Service
- Los Angeles County Bar Association Criminal Justice Section, **Judge of the Year**

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- *Certificate*, Harvard Negotiation Institute
- *J.D.*, Southwestern Law School
- *B.S.*, California State University, Dominguez Hills

PRESS

- ["Rock Steady – After four decades as a prosecutor and judge in family court, nothing fazes Scott Gordon." – Daily Journal \(August 28, 2020\)](#)
- ["Family Law and Resilience: A time to carry on" – The Daily Journal \(May 20, 2020\)](#)
- ["The Hauge Convention on the aspects of international child abduction" – Daily Journal \(November 4, 2019\)](#)
- ["California Law Offers New Hope For Child Sexual Abuse Victims" – Law360 \(October 16, 2019\)](#)
- ["Pyrrhic victories and the cost of family law litigation" – Daily Journal \(August 26, 2019\)](#)
- ["Los Angeles judge retires, starts neutral career at Signature" – Daily Journal \(August 20, 2019\)](#)
- ["The Physics of Family Law " – Daily Journal \(November 19, 2021\)](#)

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