



HON. JOHN V. ACOSTA
United States Magistrate Judge

APPOINTED: March 5, 2008

BACKGROUND: Born in Hayward, California

EDUCATION:

- San Leandro High School, San Leandro, California, 1974
- San Diego State University, B.A., 1979, High Honors and Distinction in History, Phi Beta Kappa
- University of Oregon, J.D., 1982, *Oregon Law Review* (Managing Board)

BAR ADMISSIONS:

- Alaska, 1983
- United States District Court, Alaska, 1983
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 1986
- Oregon, 1988
- United States District Court, Oregon, 1988
- Washington, 2001

PRIOR EXPERIENCE:

- Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon, Senior Deputy General Counsel, 2002-2008 – provided legal advice on employment and labor issues, state and federal regulatory compliance, free speech issues under the 1st Amendment and the Oregon Constitution, due process and equal protection, Title VI, ADA Title II, vendor contracts, public employee ethics, public records disclosures, immigration, policies and procedures, and development of ordinances and administrative rules.
- Stoel Rives LLP (Partner, 1994-2002; Associate, 1987-1993) – litigation and trial attorney in federal and state courts as member of firm's Labor and Employment Practice Group; prior to that responsible for litigation and trial of products liability and general commercial litigation cases.
- Hughes, Thorsness, Gantz, Powell & Brundin (Partner, 1987; Associate, 1982-1986) – litigation and trial attorney in federal and state courts, focusing on medical malpractice, products liability, personal injury, and insurance coverage cases.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Owen M. Panner Chapter, American Inns of Court, 2008-present
- Oregon State Bar Joint Bench-Bar Commission on Professionalism, 2006-present
- University of Oregon School of Law, Adjunct Professor, 2001-2007

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

- Morrison Child & Family Services board of directors, 1998-2009 (Chair 2006-2008)
- La Salle High School Mock Trial Team head coach, 2001-2006 (Oregon State Champions 2006)
- March of Dimes Greater Oregon Chapter board of directors, 1998-2002 (Chair 2000)
- Coalition of East Vancouver Communities, 1999-2003
- Evergreen School District Citizens Advisory Committee, 1995-1999 (Chair 1996-1998)
- Fairbanks Community Mental Health Center board of directors, 1984-1987 (Vice-Chair 1986-1987)

PUBLICATIONS:

- Co-author, "Professionalism for Litigation and Courtroom Practice," Oregon State Bar (2007 revision)
- Co-Author, "Jury Instructions, Jury Verdicts and Court Findings," Oregon State Bar *Federal Litigation Handbook* (2002 supp. revision)
- Co-author, "Employment Contracts," Oregon State Bar *Damages Handbook* (1998 revision)