



**A. Howard Matz  
Senior District Judge  
United States District Court  
Central District of California**

A. Howard Matz was appointed United States District Judge for the Central District of California on July 10, 1998. (He is now a Senior Judge.) Before that, he had been a partner in Bird, Marella, Boxer, Wolpert & Matz, a Los Angeles, California law firm engaged only in litigation. He is a *cum laude* graduate of Columbia College (1965) and Harvard Law School

(1968). In 1969-1970, Judge Matz served as law clerk for the Honorable Morris E. Lasker, then of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. In 1970, he began to practice law with the New York-based firm Hughes Hubbard & Reed. He moved to California in 1972 to help establish that firm's Los Angeles office. From 1974-1978, Judge Matz served as Assistant United States Attorney in the Central District of California, and was Chief of the Fraud and Special Prosecutions Section. He returned to Hughes Hubbard & Reed as a partner in 1979 and remained in that position until he helped form the Bird, Marella, Boxer, Wolpert & Matz firm in 1983.

Before his appointment to the federal bench, Judge Matz was active in many civic and professional organizations. He served as President of Bet Tzedek Legal Services, a public interest law firm, was on the Board of Directors of the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles and also was on the Board of Overseers for Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He published numerous law review and other articles on a host of topics, including the prosecution and defense of economic crimes, tort liability in business takeovers, professional ethics and RICO.

Judge Matz has served on the Ninth Circuit's Committee on Model Jury Instructions, and its Public Interest and Community Outreach ("PICO") Committee. In 2009 the State Bar of California named him as the firm recipient of the Vanguard Award for his contributions to intellectual property jurisprudence.

Judge Matz married Dr. Jane Balkin Matz, a French teacher, in 1968. Together they have three sons, one granddaughter and one grandson.