



**MAGISTRATE JUDGE
BERNARD ZIMMERMAN (RET.)**
San Francisco

Magistrate Judge Bernard Zimmerman (Ret.) was appointed in 1995 and retired in 2011. Following his retirement, he continued to serve the Northern District of California as a recalled magistrate judge. With party consent, he presided over a wide range of civil cases, including patent, trademark and copyright cases, class actions, contract and employment cases, and civil rights, personal injury and admiralty cases. During his 16 years on the bench, he presided over more than 50 civil and criminal jury and bench trials and more than 1,000 settlement conferences.

A 1970 graduate of the University of Chicago Law School, he clerked for the Honorable Frederick J.R. Heebe in the Eastern District of Louisiana and then taught law at the Louisiana State University Law Center.

Returning to California, he was an associate and then partner at Pillsbury Madison & Sutro where he had a general litigation practice focusing on media, banking, construction, insurance and business issues. In 1995, he served as Legal Consultant to the Third Constitutional Convention of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

In past years, Judge Zimmerman taught Federal Pretrial Litigation at U.C. Hastings College of the Law, was a master of the Intellectual Property Inn of Court, and participated in numerous panels addressing issues such as ADR, class actions and discovery.