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### **The Honorable George Nicholson**

A respected member of the judiciary, who has served in many positions, including Sacramento Municipal Court Judge and Superior Court Judge, County of Sacramento, he currently serves as Appellate Justice, Court of Appeal, Third District. Justice Nicholson has been Executive Director for the California District Attorneys Association. He has been Deputy Director, Special Projects for the Governor, Office of Planning and Research, State of California, and was Founding Director and Chief Counsel, National School Safety Center, a partnership of Pepperdine University and the United States Departments of Justice and Education. He held the position of Adjunct Professor, Graduate School of Education and Psychology, Pepperdine University during his tenure with the National School Safety Center.

Justice Nicholson has been active in the area of victim’s rights, and was Statewide Co-Chair and Principal Author of Proposition 8, the Victim’s Bill of Rights, which was adopted by California voters in 1982. He has also taken an active role in shaping the future of legal education in this country, having served as a member of the Model Courtroom Planning and Design Advisory Committee, National Judicial College, and as Chair of the Planning Committee, Symposium on Shaping the Future of Legal Information, Bernard E. Witkin State Law Library.

He has received many honors and awards, including an Award “for 10 years of support and friendship for the goals and purposes of UNITY,” a joint project of the Asian, La Raza, and Wiley Manuel Bar Associations. Justice Nicholson has received numerous awards for outstanding contributions in the fields of criminal justice and victim’s rights. He received the rare distinction of being named Honorary Member, American Association of Law Libraries. He is one of only three honorary members in this 5,000 member organization. In 1998, Justice Nicholson received the Government Technology Leadership Award of Merit for “Outstanding Contributions to the Judiciary,” from the American Judges Association. Prior recipients included United States Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, Chief Justice Richard Holmes of Kansas, and Dean Robert Payant, National Judicial College.