



Hon. Frank C. Damrell, Jr. (Ret.)

The Hon. Frank C. Damrell, Jr. (Ret.), a principal at Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy and now a Council member with the Delta Stewardship Council, was a distinguished Federal Judge of the United States District Court, Eastern District of California.

Prior to Damrell's appointment as a Federal Judge in 1997 by President Clinton, Damrell was a Deputy Attorney General for the State of California and a Deputy District Attorney in Stanislaus County. Damrell started his own law firm in 1968 in Modesto and headed that firm until his appointment to the United States District Court.

During his career as an Attorney, Damrell was a leader of numerous charitable, educational, political, and cultural organizations and activities. He served as President of the Consumers Federation of California, and subsequently, was appointed to the California State Consumer Advisory Council by Governor Ronald Reagan and was appointed Chair of the Advisory Council by Governor Jerry Brown. He served on the Board of Regents for University of Santa Clara, the Board of Visitors for the University of Santa Clara Law School, the Board of Overseers of the McCarthy Center for Public Services, University of San Francisco, and the Board of Trustees, University of California, Merced.

During Damrell's judicial service, he was appointed to numerous national and circuit judicial committees, including the Judicial Branch Committee of the United States Judicial Conference, Chair of the Judicial Branch Subcommittee on Civic Education for the Federal Judiciary, and 9th Circuit Education Committee. In addition, Damrell was a leader of the National Advisory Committee on Judicial Pay.

On December 8th, 2008, Judge Damrell was appointed by Chief Justice of the United States, John Roberts, to serve on the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation. He served on the panel until his retirement.

Judge Damrell presided over numerous civil and criminal jury and bench trials and has written numerous opinions and orders in the fields of environmental law, civil rights, employment law, anti-trust, copyright and patent law, banking, real estate, and commercial law. In addition, Judge Damrell has had extensive experience in the mediation of complex matters in federal court.

As a nationally recognized advocate for civic education, Judge Damrell was selected by the Chief Justice of the California, Tani Cantil-Sakauye, to be a leader of the Federal/State Steering Committee on Civic Education.

He has been an invited guest speaker at national and state conferences of educators, law schools, and bar associations and has been the Commencement Speaker at the University Of Santa Clara School Of Law and the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law.