

Hon. Kenneth K. So (Ret.) joins Signature Resolution San Diego

After conducting civil settlements in the court for over fifteen years, Hon. Kenneth K. So (Ret.) is bringing his talent for dispute resolution to Signature Resolution.

SAN DIEGO – March 27, 2023 – Signature Resolution, a leader in alternative dispute resolution, announced today that former Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, Hon. Kenneth K. So (Ret.) is joining the firm’s panel. Judge So has over fifteen years of experience conducting civil settlements for the courts with his insightful, sound decision-making.

“In today’s world, litigation is extremely expensive, uncertain, and often delayed. I offer an honest assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of a case so the lawyers and their clients can make fully informed decisions. It’s important for litigants to know what will happen when a case is tried, and I am able to provide some perspective on how that occurs. Resolving a case has great benefits for all parties. If parties can get together to talk seriously about the issues, cases will resolve.”

Judge So began his judicial career in San Diego in 1994. Elected by his colleagues, he has served his Court as the San Diego County Assistant Presiding Judge and Presiding Judge from 2007 to 2009. Additionally, appointed by the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court, Judge So served on the California Judicial Council from 2008 to 2019. His practice areas have spanned business and commercial contracts, civil rights, employment, personal injury, professional liability, real estate, and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Beginning in 2009, Judge So was appointed by the California Supreme Court to the Committee on Judicial Ethics Opinions to provide judicial ethics advisory opinions and advice to judicial officers and candidates for judicial office. He has consistently demonstrated sound judgment and understanding of the ethical intricacies at play when working with disputing parties. Above all, Judge So’s experience has shown that it is usually in the best interest of all parties to aim for resolution. It is his belief that most litigants simply want their cases resolved, and his aim as a mediator is to help the parties come to a fair solution.

“With his background in the court and experience conducting civil settlements, it’s no question that Judge So elevates our practice,” said Dario Higuchi, managing partner at Signature Resolution. “On a personal level, he’s just about the nicest guy out there.”