



AUTUMN D. SPAETH was appointed as a United States Magistrate Judge in 2018. Judge Spaeth sits in Santa Ana at the Ronald Reagan Federal Courthouse.

Judge Spaeth brings a wealth of commercial litigation experience to the bench. Judge Spaeth's career began as an associate in the Trial Department of McDermott, Will & Emery where her practice included business and intellectual property litigation in state and federal courts. Judge Spaeth's practice grew to include insolvency related litigation at Albert, Weiland & Golden, which became Weiland, Golden, Smiley, Wang Ekvall & Strok, LLP, before she joined Smiley Wang-Ekvall, LLP as a founding partner in 2014.

Prior to taking the bench, Judge Spaeth's practice concentrated on business litigation and bankruptcy related litigation.

Judge Spaeth currently serves as a member of the following boards:

- Board of the Federal Bar Association, Orange County Chapter; and
- Board of Governors of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers Orange County.

She previously served in the following capacities:

- Chair of the Ninth Circuit Conference Executive Committee;
- Chair of the Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representatives Coordinating Committee;
- Co-Chair of the Central District of California Lawyer Representatives to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference; and
- Board of Directors for the Orange County Bar Association and as the Chair of the Commercial Law & Bankruptcy Section and the Legislative Resolutions Committee.

Judge Spaeth received her Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of California Los Angeles. She graduated from the University of Southern California with a Juris Doctor from the Law School and a Master of Arts in Communication Management from the Annenberg School of Communication.