

Alumni Award

Honorable John E. McDermott

Class of 1968

With this presentation of the Distinguished Achievement Citation, the Alumni Association Board of Directors is proud to recognize the **Honorable John E. McDermott** for his accomplished work in complex litigation and his position as the Federal Magistrate of United States District Court for the Central District of California.

Judge McDermott earned his B.A. in English from OWU in 1968, and his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1971. Prior to his appointment at Magistrate Judge in 2009, he was a commercial and public trial lawyer for 37 years in Los Angeles, focusing on complex business litigation and litigation involving public entities. He was a partner with Howrey LLP from 1997 to 2009, a partner with Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft from 1990 to 1997, a partner with McDermott, Will & Emery from 1987 to 1990 and a partner with Memel, Jacobs, Pierno, Gersh & Ellsworth from 1981 to 1987. He was with the Western Center on Law & Poverty from 1972 to 1981, serving as its Executive Director from 1977 to 1981. He was an associate at Latham & Watkins from 1971 to 1972.

Judge McDermott has also been a member of the Sierra Club since 1972.

For his achievements in the legal profession, the Alumni Board is pleased to present Judge McDermott with the Distinguished Achievement Citation.

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