

Hon. Mark Bennett Bio

Mark Bennett is a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, appointed in 2018.

Judge Bennett graduated summa cum laude from Union College in 1976 and magna cum laude from Cornell Law School in 1979. After law school, Judge Bennett clerked for the Hon. Samuel P. King, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii and then served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Columbia and in Hawaii for a total of nine years.

Following twelve years as a partner in a Honolulu law firm, Judge Bennett served eight years as Hawaii's Attorney General. Prior to becoming a judge, Judge Bennett was again a partner in a Honolulu law firm.

As an attorney, Judge Bennett first-chaired more than 100 jury trials and argued more than 50 cases on appeal, including twice successfully before the United States Supreme Court (*Lingle v. Chevron*, 544 U.S. 528 (2005) and *Hawaii v. Office of Hawaiian Affairs*, 556 U.S. 163 (2009)).

Judge Bennett was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in 2007.