



**WILLIAM PONDERS**

***Retired Judge, Los Angeles County  
Board Composition: Judge  
(Appointed by the Judicial Council of California)***

Judge William Ponders attended Occidental College in Los Angeles before serving as a missile launch officer in the Air Force for three years. He graduated from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles and worked as a Deputy California Attorney General for 14 years in the Los Angeles Criminal Division. In 1983 he was appointed by Governor Deukmejian to the Los Angeles Municipal Court and two years later to the Superior Court, concentrating on criminal law.

Having retired in 2011, he now sits by assignment to the Superior Court, concluding as the presiding judge on a series of death penalty cases pending before the California Supreme Court.