



**GORDON S. BARANCO**

**Retired Judge, Alameda County**

***Board Composition: A Judge appointed by the Judicial Council of California***

Gordon Baranco graduated from the University of California at Davis with a B.A. degree in Political Science, receiving the Lindley Award for Athletic and Scholastic Achievement; and from King Hall (UC Davis) Law School, receiving a J.D. degree.

He has been employed as a Graduate Legal Assistant in the office of the California State Attorney General; a Deputy District Attorney in the office of the San Francisco District Attorney; Managing Attorney for San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation; and Assistant to the City Attorney in Oakland.

He was appointed by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. as a judge to the Oakland – Piedmont – Emeryville Municipal Court, at the age of 32. After serving as a presiding judge of that court, he was appointed by Governor George Deukmejian as a judge of the Alameda County Superior Court, at the age of 36. He retired from that Court on December 31, 2016.

He currently serves on the Oakland and the World Advisory Board. He was the Founding Judge of the Alameda County Homeless and Caring Court and the Founding Judge of the Alameda County Parolee Reentry Court. He has recently served as a member of the American Bar Association Commission on Homelessness and Poverty and the Fred Finch

Youth Center Board. He has previously served as Vice-Chair of the California Judicial Council Access and Fairness Committee, a member of the California Judicial Council Collaborative Justice Courts Committee, a member of the California Judicial Council Task Force for Collaboration on Mental Health Issues, Chair of the Alameda County Superior Court Community Focused Court Planning Committee, and on the boards of the Metropolitan Oakland YMCA, the Urban Strategies Council, the Glide Memorial Methodist Church, and the M. Robinson Baker YMCA.

In addition to serving as a panelist for numerous continuing legal education programs, he has received the following awards: California Commission on Access to Justice, Benjamin Aranda III Access to Justice Award; Charles Houston Bar Association Lifetime Achievement Award, National Bar Association Judicial Council, Sara J. Harper Humanitarian Award; Alameda County Bar Association Distinguished Judicial Service Award; Charles Houston Bar Association Hall of Fame; Charles Houston Bar Association Judicial Excellence Award; The California Public Defenders Association Rose Bird Judicial Excellence Award; Alameda/Contra Costa Trial Lawyers, Judge of the Year; The Alameda County Lawyers Club, Judge of the Year; The Bernard Jefferson Outstanding Jurist Award; California Association of Black Lawyers (twice); Charles Houston Bar Association Community Service Award; Bay Area Urban League Civic Achievement Award; Progressive Transitions Outstanding Public Service Award; Options Recovery Services, Father Bill O'Donnell Human Dignity Award; Distinguished Alumnus Award from King Hall, UC Davis School of Law; The UC Davis Young Alumnus of the Year Award; The UC Davis Citation of Excellence; The Greater Oakland YMCA President's Award; and the Marcus Foster Institute Outstanding Public Schools Alumnus Award. The Honorable Gordon S. Baranco Award is presented annually to a UC Davis Varsity Basketball Player "who has displayed exceptional leadership, unselfishness, work ethic and commitment to his team."

He has been the commencement speaker for UC Davis College of Letters and Science, and for the African and African-American Students of UC Davis commencement.

He is married to Barbara Gee, a retired school administrator and has two adult children Lauren and Brandon.