

## Amy M. Pellman

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### JUDICIAL POSITION

Los Angeles Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA  
*Judge* – appointed November 6, 2008  
*Family/Dependency Court* – January 2011 to present  
*Commissioner, Family Court* – July 2005 to November 2008

### TEACHING

Southwestern School of Law, Los Angeles, CA  
*Adjunct Professor of Law*, Spring 2002 to present  
"Children and the Law," 2002 to present  
"Community Property," 2010

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Pellman, Jacobs and Reiner, *A Child-Centered Response to the Elkins Family Law Task Force*, **William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal**, 20(1) WM. & MARY BILL RTS. J. 81 (2011).
- Pellman, *The Children of Divorce*, **Gavel to Gavel**, Los Angeles Superior Court Judicial Magazine (Summer/Fall 2009).
- Pellman and Patton, *The Reality of Concurrent Planning: Juggling Multiple Family Plans Expeditiously Without Sufficient Resources*, **UC Davis Journal of Juvenile Law & Policy**, Vol. 9, No. 1, p.171 (Winter 2005).
- Pellman, *California Juvenile Dependency Practice*, **Chap. 3, Referral, Investigation and Detention** (2d ed Cal CEB 2003) Revised annually.
- Pellman, *Symposium Abstracts*, **4 Whittier Journal of Child and Family Advocacy**, p. 90 (Fall 2004).
- Pellman, Krinsky and Weisz, *Finding a Place in Your Heart for Foster Kids*, **Los Angeles Daily Journal**, Forum Column (November 21, 2002).
- Pellman, *The ABC's of the Los Angeles Children's Court* (June 1994). Revised annually.

### SELECTED JUDICIAL LECTURES AND SEMINARS

- **CHILD WITNESSES: The days of "Children should be seen and not heard are gone"**. Oct. 2012  
*Presenter*, Judicial Education Webinar.
- **ADJUSTING TO CHANGE: Juvenile Dependency/Delinquency 101**. Oct. 2012  
*Presenter*, CFLR Advanced Family Law Course.
- **ADVOKIDS' Multi-Disciplinary Symposium**, May 2012  
*Keynote Speaker*, Early Childhood Mental Health & Development: Science Driving Practice in Juvenile Dependency Court.
- **The Rutter Group**, August 2011  
*Presenter*, CFLR Advanced Family Law Course.
- **Southwestern School of Law**, Los Angeles, CA  
*Keynote Speaker*, August 2008: First Year Students Welcome.
- **UCLA School of Public Affairs**, October 2007  
*Keynote Speaker*, Senior Fellows Annual Breakfast.

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

- **Southwestern School of Law**  
*Adjunct Excellence in Teaching Award, 2005*
- **UCLA School of Public Policy**  
*Senior Fellow, 2004 to present*
- **American Bar Association**  
*Child Advocacy Law Award, 2003*
- **Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors**  
*Commendation for Child Advocacy Award, 2003*

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS**

- **Judicial Council of California – Administrative Office of the Courts**  
Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, member, Nov. 2012 to present  
Juvenile Law Curriculum Committee, member, Nov. 2012 to present
- **National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges**  
Psychotropic Medication Committee, Vice Chair, Sept. to present
- **Edelman's Children's Court, Court Scholar's Committee**  
Chair, July to present

**EDUCATION AND BAR ADMISSION**

- **City University of New York Law School, Queens, NY**  
*Juris Doctor, 1987*
- **Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA**  
*Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, 1982*
- **State Bar of New York, 1988**
- **State Bar of California, 1992**

**RELEVANT LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

- **The Alliance for Children's Rights, Los Angeles, CA**  
*Legal Director, May 2000 to July 2005*  
Directed and supervised legal work on all impact litigation and direct services for children in foster care and low income families; Areas of practice included health care, adoption, legal guardianship, and special education.
- **Dependency Court Legal Services, ("Children's Law Center of California"), Los Angeles, CA**  
*Appellate Attorney / Senior Attorney, November 1993 – May 2000*  
Sole appellate attorney for law firm of twenty-nine lawyers; researched, wrote and argued writ petitions at Court of Appeal, Second District. Represented children and parents in all phases of dependency legal practice.
- **United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, New York, NY**  
*Law Clerk, January 1989 to July 1990*  
*Appellate Attorney / Senior Attorney, November 1993 – May 2000*