

GROVER TRASK

San Diego State University, B.A. Political Science -1970

University of San Diego School of Law, J.D.-1973

Grover Trask served six terms covering nearly a quarter century as Riverside County District Attorney (1982-2006) and over 32 years as a prosecutor. As a prosecutor he handled misdemeanors and felony cases including murder trials. As District Attorney, he led the fourth largest District Attorney's office in California with a staff of over 800, including 256 attorneys. While District Attorney, he implemented innovative programs such as the Youth Accountability Teams targeting at risk youth; one stop help centers for domestic violence victims and specialized units to deal with gangs, sexual assault and child abuse.

In 1990, Mr. Trask was appointed by the California Governor to chair the statewide Blue Ribbon Commission on Prison Reform. A number of the recommendations dealt with re-entry and community corrections policies to reduce prison overcrowding, the same public policy issues now facing local jurisdictions as a result of recent state legislation known as "realignment" (AB 109). In 1996, Governor Wilson, appointed Trask to chair the legislative enacted California Task Force to review Crime and Juvenile Justice Response. While the Task Force looked at a restorative justice framework concept, juvenile justice continues to be a major statewide public policy concern.

District Attorney Trask served as regional Vice President and Board member of the National District Attorneys Association for over ten years as well as serving on the board of trustees of the American Prosecutors Research Institute (APRI). He has lectured at the National District Attorneys Association and has served as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Justice (1991-1994). He was also President of the California District Attorneys Association, twice.

From 1986 to 1990 he was a consultant/chapter author on criminal procedure for the Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB) and the University of California. He is the co-author of "Police Liability: The Prosecutor's Role and Ethical Duties When Deadly Force is Used", published in the Prosecutors Deskbook (APRI). In 2008 he authored the "Public Agency Attorney's Role in a Criminal Investigation of an Official" for the Public Law Journal. In 2002, he was named one of the Top 100 Lawyers in California by the California Lawyer magazine and later served on their editorial board.

In 2007, he joined Best, Best and Krieger as Special Counsel leading the Firm's Government Policy and Public Integrity Practice Group focusing on election law matters, government accountability, public official financial conflicts of interest and ethics laws. He also advised clients on fair political practices and other areas of political regulations impacting public and corporate entities and individual elected officials. From 2014 to 2016, Mr. Trask became an independent legal consultant to both private and public clients.

Mr. Trask has been active in the community for his entire career serving on numerous boards including the Olive Crest Foundation for youth at risk, the Inland Empire Community Foundation, Inland Empire Economic Partnership and The Barbara Sinatra Children's Child Abuse Center. He currently serves as a Board member on the Riverside City College Foundation.