**JUDGE JIM GRAY (Ret.) FOR GOVERNOR – BIO**

BACKGROUND:

* Born February 14, 1945 in Washington DC to Elizabeth and then Lt. Col. and later U.S. Judge William P. Gray
* Graduated with a major in US History from UCLA (1966)
* Peace Corps Volunteer in the smallest town in Costa Rica that had a high school (1966-68)
* Led a Peace March from USC to the steps of the Los Angeles City Hall demanding that President Nixon withdraw our troops from Cambodia (May of 1970)
* Probably only one of two people in the history of the US Navy to be awarded a Vietnam Service Ribbon and a Combat Action Ribbon on a training cruise when stationed on the *USS Meeker County* in the rivers of Vietnam (Summer of 1970)
* Graduated from USC School of Law (1971)
* Criminal Defense Attorney and Staff Judge Advocate in US Navy JAG Corps at USNAS Guam (1972-74) and NAS Lemoore, California (1974-75)
* Federal Prosecutor in Los Angeles, heading a unit prosecuting frauds against the VA and FHA (1975-1978)
* Trial Court Judge in Orange County, California (1983-2008)
* Private Mediator, Arbitrator and Discovery Referee for ADR Services, Inc. (2009 to present)
* Married to Dr. Grace Walker Gray and father of four children, including an adopted son from Vietnam in 1973

AWARDS, HONORS and ACTIVITIES:

* Established what was probably the first Drug Court in the country (1984)
* Founded a chapter of the American Inns of Court, which promotes ethics for legal professionals (1988)
* Received Commendation from the Orange County Board of Supervisors for Drug Court (1990)
* Held a Press Conference stating that our nation’s policy of Drug Prohibition had failed (1992)
* Judge of the Year from the Civil Litigation Section of the Orange County Bar Association (1992)
* Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Western State University’s School of Law (1992)
* Founded Peer Court, which takes real juvenile justice cases to high school juries and helps mentor young people
* Judge of the Year from the Constitutional Rights Foundation of Orange County (1995)
* Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Chapman University’s School of Law (2007)
* Constitutional Rights Foundation annual Judge of the Year Award is now named after Judge James P. Gray
* Libertarian Candidate for Vice President, along with New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson for President (2012)
* Honored with Orange County Bar Association’s highest Award for Lifetime Achievement (2019)

PUBLICATIONS:

* *Why Our Drug Laws Have Failed and What We Can Do About It: A Judicial Indictment of the War on Drugs* (Temple University Press, 2001, 2d edition 2012) which was endorsed, among others, by Dr. Milton Friedman, U.S. Secretary of State George P. Schultz and longtime CBS News Anchor Walter Cronkite
* Composed the musical *Americans All* (2008), intended to help to mentor our country’s young people
* *Wearing the Robe: the Art and Responsibilities of Judging in Today’s Courts* (Square One Press, 2009)
* *A Voter’s Handbook: Effective Solutions to America’s Problems* (The Forum Press, 2010)
* *Facing the Facts on the Death Penalty* Loyola Law Review Special Issue (2010-2011)
* *2 Paragraphs 4 Liberty: Solutions that are Practical, Effective, Responsible, Libertarian* (Best Seller Publ., 2019)
* Podcast: *All Rise! The Libertarian Way with Judge Jim Gray* (April, 2019 to December, 2020), which now can be heard anytime on demand at <https://www.voiceamerica.com/show/3883>
* *All Rise! The Libertarian Way with Judge Jim Gray* (Histria Books, 2020)
* Please watch for the upcoming broadcasting of *Becoming America; America is a Perfect Idea; The United States of America is a Work in Progress*, which is based upon Judge Gray’s new musical about our 1787 Constitutional Convention and is entitled *Convention: the Birth of America.*