



**HON. JOHN V. ACOSTA**  
**United States Magistrate Judge**

**APPOINTED:** March 5, 2008

**EDUCATION:**

- San Diego State University, B.A., 1979, High Honors and Distinction in History, Phi Beta Kappa
- University of Oregon, J.D., 1982, *Oregon Law Review* (Managing Board)

**BAR ADMISSIONS:**

- Alaska, 1983 (inactive)
- United States District Court, Alaska, 1983
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 1986
- Oregon, 1988
- United States District Court, Oregon, 1988
- Washington, 2001 (inactive)

**PRIOR EXPERIENCE:**

- Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon, Senior Deputy General Counsel, 2002-2008 – provided legal advice on employment and labor issues, state and federal regulatory compliance, free speech issues under the 1st Amendment and the Oregon Constitution, due process and equal protection, Title VI, ADA Title II, vendor contracts, public employee ethics, public records disclosures, immigration, policies and procedures, and development of ordinances and administrative rules.
- Stoel Rives LLP (Partner, 1994-2002; Associate, 1987-1993) – litigation and trial attorney in federal and state courts as member of firm's Labor and Employment Practice Group; prior to that responsible for litigation and trial of products liability and general commercial litigation cases.
- Hughes, Thorsness, Gantz, Powell & Brundin (Partner, 1987; Associate, 1982-1986) – litigation and trial attorney in federal and state courts, focusing on medical malpractice, products liability, personal injury, and insurance coverage cases.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

- Oregon State Bar Joint Bench-Bar Commission on Professionalism, 2006-present (Chair, 2010)
- University of Oregon School of Law, Dean's Advisory Council, 2013-present
- Oregon State Bar Federal Practice and Procedure Committee, 2010-2012
- Federal Bar Association, Oregon Chapter, 2009-2012
- Owen M. Panner Chapter, American Inns of Court, 2008-2012
- University of Oregon School of Law, Adjunct Professor, 2001-2007

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

- Morrison Child & Family Services board of directors, 1998-2009 (Chair 2006-2008)
- La Salle High School Mock Trial Team head coach, 2001-2006 (Oregon State Champions 2006)
- March of Dimes Greater Oregon Chapter board of directors, 1998-2002 (Chair 2000)
- Coalition of East Vancouver Communities, 1999-2003
- Evergreen School District Citizens Advisory Committee, 1995-1999 (Chair 1996-1998)
- Fairbanks Community Mental Health Center board of directors, 1984-1987 (Vice-Chair 1986-1987)

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:**

- "What Jurors Want: Impressions From The Triers Of Fact," Oregon State Bar Litigation Section Newsletter, June 2015
- "The Integral Role of Local Counsel in the District of Oregon: A Judge's Perspective," Federal Bar Association, Oregon Chapter Newsletter, Summer 2013
- "Effective Judicial Settlement Conferences in Federal Court," Federal Bar Association, Oregon Chapter newsletter, Winter 2009
- "Conduct Counts: Professionalism for Litigation and Courtroom Practice," Oregon State Bar *Bulletin*, August/September 2007 (co-author)