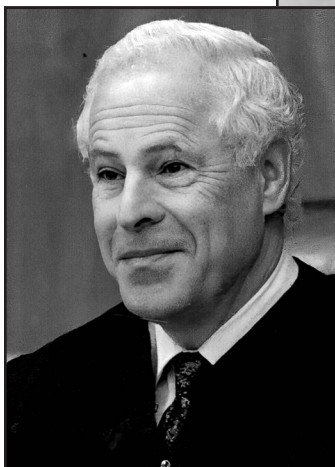


Richard Breiner*

Richard “Dick” Breiner, a lawyer and judge, dedicated his life to civil rights and justice. He graduated from University City High School, earned a history degree, Phi Beta Kappa, and a law degree from the University of Missouri where he headed the Law Review.



A former U.S. Army first lieutenant, he served in California and South Korea. He also worked for the U.S. Department of Labor and a California law firm.



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In 1964, Breiner volunteered in Mississippi, gathering depositions from African American citizens unjustly denied their right to vote. Despite threats, he collected testimony submitted to Congress that contributed to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1965.

Breiner served in California as a deputy public defender, city attorney and special counsel. In 1977, he was appointed to the Marin County Superior Court, often serving as the presiding judge and handling notable cases.

After a near-fatal stroke in 1995 that paralyzed his left side, he underwent extensive rehabilitation to regain his mobility and returned to the bench. He later transitioned to a career as a mediator and arbitrator.

Breiner received numerous honors, including the 1961 University of Missouri Law School Outstanding Graduate and the inaugural Marin County Bar Lifetime Achievement Award. He and his wife, Dottie, were also recognized with the Legal Legend Award for their Legal Aid advocacy and dedication to social justice causes.

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