

Judge Jim Gray Speaking On

## Separation of Church & State: The Most Important War and Peace Issue of the 21st Century

Saturday, March 19th at 2:00 pm

Irvine Ranch Water District<sup>1</sup> 15600 Sand Canyon Ave. (at Waterworks) in Irvine



Judge Gray has spoken and written on the separation of church and state. He has noted that some consider this a controversial topic because they see it as an attack on religion. In response he says: "I simply do not agree with that assessment. I view this separation as being one of the most important war-andpeace issues of the 21st century. Of course there will be some exceptions, but in general governments that maintain the separation of church and state will be far less likely to be involved in war than those that do not. For example, we all should be concerned today about the governments of Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan and others where religion plays a large part in the affairs of government."

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Judge Gray received his law degree from USC in 1971 prior to which he served in the Peace Corps in Costa Rica. From 1972 to 1975 he was a staff Judge Advocate and criminal defense attorney for the US Navy JAG Corps; while in the service he was awarded National Defense, Vietnam Service and Combat Action ribbons.

After working 5 years in private practice he was appointed to the Santa Ana Municipal Court in December 1983. He was elevated to the Orange County Superior Court in July 1989. In 1995 he received the "Judge of the Year" award from the Orange County Constitutional Rights Foundation and has honorary doctorates from Western State University College of Law and Chapman University School of Law.

He is a prolific author and his most recent book is "A Voter's Handbook: Effective Solutions to America's Problems" published by The Forum Press in 2010. Books will be available for sale at the meeting. Judge Gray also writes a weekly column for the Daily Pilot on issues of our day called "It's A Gray Area." For more information, please visit Judge Gray's website at <u>www.JudgeJimGray.com</u>.

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