

Dickran M. Tevrizian Jr.

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The Honorable Dickran M. Tevrizian Jr., *Southern California '62*, is a judge of the United States District Court for the Central District of California. He is the first Armenian-American to have served as a federal judge.

Brother Tevrizian's judicial career began in 1972 when then-Governor Ronald Reagan appointed him to the Los Angeles Municipal Court. Six years later, he was elevated to the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles. From 1982 until his appointment as a federal judge by President Reagan in 1986, he practiced law in Southern California as a partner in the firm of Manatt, Phelps, Rothenberg and Tunney.

Tevrizian graduated cum laude with a B.S. in finance. Three years later, he received his J.D. from the USC School of Law. From 1966 until his appointment to the Los Angeles Municipal Court, he was a partner in the law firm of Kirtland and Packard. At age 31, he was the youngest person to be appointed to the judiciary by Governor Reagan up to that point.

Numerous professional accolades include being named Trial Judge of the Year by the California Trial Lawyers Association, Trial Jurist of the Year by the Los Angeles County Bar Association and Federal Court Trial Judge of the Year by the Malibu Bar Association. In 1998, he was awarded the Peter the Great Gold Medal of Honor from the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences for outstanding contributions to the field of law and he recently received the Orange County Federal Bar Association's Distinguished Public Service award.

An advisory director to the UCLA School of Public Policy since 1999, Judge Tevrizian has been a lecturer for numerous Bar Associations, California Continuing Education programs and State Bar Mandatory Continuing Legal Education seminars. He was an advisor to the Gamma Tau chapter, 1978-84 and 1986-92. He serves on the boards of the Armenian General Benevolent Union, Glendale Memorial Hospital Foundation and the Armenian Eye Care Project. Tevrizian and his wife Geraldine are residents of Pasadena.

— *Thomas C. Olver, Central Michigan '98, editor, The Beta Theta Pi*