

Dorothy W. Nelson
Short Biography for Women's Groups

Senior Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Appointed by President Jimmy Carter in December of 1979; former Dean and Professor of Law, University of Southern California Law Center (first woman dean of a fully accredited law school; first woman professor of U.S.C. Law Center). Chair, Board of Directors Western Justice Center Foundation.

Specialty: Law Reform. Author of JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (West 1957), Chapter in WOMEN LAWYERS, PERSPECTIVES ON SUCCESS, Harcourt, Brace, Janovich 1984- and numerous articles on women's issues and alternative dispute resolution.

Delegate, United Nations Women's Conference in Mexico City 1975 and Beijing 1995.

Member, Board Advisors, Institute for the Study of Women and Men.

Member, Advisory Committee, National Judicial Education Program to Promote Equality of Women and Men.

Member, Advisory Committee Tahirih Justice Institute dedicated to assisting women refugees.