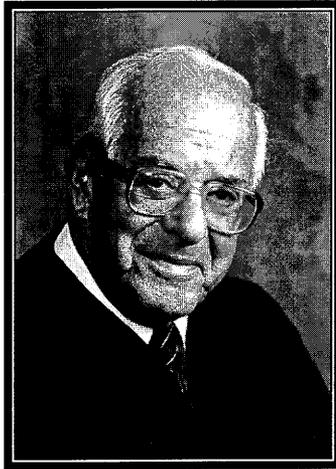


CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
STANLEY MOSK

1912–2001



STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

111 NORTH HILL STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Justice Stanley Mosk served California for more than half of the 20th century. His remarkable life of service ended on June 19, 2001. In the years that have passed since his death, lasting memories of the man he was—the scholar, the judge, and the public servant—have been expressed in the words of his family, friends, and colleagues.

A memorable man, Justice Mosk was also a man of memories. His writings show that he treasured life. That he also treasured his own life is clear: Because he cared for the words and objects that marked his life's passages, they remain today, to inform us and increase our appreciation of this great man and the time in which he lived.

Born in San Antonio, Texas, in 1912, Stanley Mosk received his primary and secondary education in the public schools of Rockford, Illinois. His involvement in community service developed early. A fledgling journalist, he co-edited his high school newspaper and represented Rockford in the annual Illinois High School Press Conference. He was a member of the school's championship debate team. An athlete as well as a scholar, he played baseball during his high school years and covered the football and basketball seasons for the school paper.

Mosk received a bachelor of philosophy degree from the University of Chicago, Division of the Social Sciences, in June 1933. He continued his education at Southwestern University School of Law and was admitted to the practice of law in California in 1935.

His life of public service began with his appointment to the staff of Governor Culbert L. Olson in 1939. He served in

the cabinet as legal advisor and later as executive secretary. In 1943 he was appointed to the superior court in Los Angeles. He resigned his judgeship to serve in the U.S. Army during World War II. At the conclusion of his military service, he returned to the bench, remaining until his successful campaign for Attorney General. He won the 1958 election for that office by a margin of more than one million votes, the largest in any contest in the United States that year.

In his nearly six years as Attorney General, Mosk issued approximately 2,000 written opinions in matters ranging from water rights to voting rights. He is remembered for his strong stand in favor of permitting an African-American golfer, Charlie Sifford, to participate in a PGA tournament, thus effectively ending the sport's racial restrictions. Among his many constructive proposals in the field of law enforcement was the establishment of the Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training.

Justice Mosk was appointed to the California Supreme Court in September 1964 and served until his death in June 2001. He was at all times an esteemed colleague, a legal scholar of the highest order, and a seeker of just and workable solutions. He authored more than 1,400 opinions in matters as varied as the use of racial quotas as a basis for admission to medical school (the *Bakke* decision); the ability of disabled parents to retain custody of their children; the requirement that physicians disclose treatment options and risks to their patients (doctrine of informed consent); and the holding that journalists cannot be jailed for contempt of court for refusing to give prosecutors unpublished material.

Justice Mosk served California for more than 60 years. His participation in public policy development and judicial decision making is unparalleled in the history of the state. His life and work remain models of service and excellence, and his memory will be honored for many years to come.

On June 10, 2002 this courthouse was renamed to honor Justice Stanley Mosk. ☪

OBJECTS EXHIBITED

From the Stanley Mosk Collection, a gift from Justice Richard M. Mosk, in the Archives at the California Judicial Center Library

FIRST FLOOR, 111 NORTH HILL STREET ENTRANCE

FIRST SHELF

“In Memory of California Supreme Court Justice Stanley Mosk,”
Congressional Record, June 22, 2001

Program from courthouse renaming ceremony, Los Angeles, June 10, 2002

“You can’t unring the bell,” a favorite Mosk saying

Mosk’s book, *Democracy in America—Day by Day*, 1995

Bookplate from Mosk’s collection

Color portrait photograph

Supreme Court identification badge

Tennis trophy

Justice Stanley Mosk Day proclamation

SECOND SHELF

Photo of Mosk with Indira Gandhi

Photo of Mosk with Adlai Stevenson

Photo of Mosk with Martin Luther King, Jr.

Photo of Mosk with Robert and Edward Kennedy

Photo of Mosk with Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sandy Koufax

Photo of Mosk with President Harry S. Truman

Photo of Edna and Stanley Mosk with President John F. Kennedy

Photo of Mosk with President Lyndon B. Johnson and Lady Bird Johnson

FIRST FLOOR, 111 NORTH HILL STREET ENTRANCE, CONTINUED

THIRD SHELF

Photo of Mosk with Earl Warren

Resignation letter to Governor Earl Warren upon enlistment in the U.S. Army, 1945

Campaign photo of Mosk with Los Angeles high school students, 1962

“Stanley Mosk: The Politician Who Dares,” *Pageant*, October 1964

Photo of Mosk at the United States Supreme Court, Washington D.C.

Los Angeles Superior Court retention campaign publicity materials

“Race Covenants Illegal, ‘Un-American,’” *Los Angeles Sentinel*, October 30, 1947

U.S. Army photo, World War II

Photo of mounted tennis shoe

Attorney General campaign materials

FOURTH SHELF

Photos of the very young Stanley Mosk

My Confirmation: A Memory Book of My Confirmation and Religious School, containing certificate of confirmation dated 16 May 5686 1926

University of Chicago freshman baseball team

University of Chicago diploma

University of Chicago pennant

Admission to the State Bar of California

Culbert L. Olson campaign sticker

“Governor Olson’s ‘Little Cabinet,’” *Sacramento Union*, January 7, 1940

OBJECTS EXHIBITED, CONTINUED

FOURTH FLOOR, 110 NORTH GRAND AVENUE ENTRANCE

FIRST SHELF

Program from courthouse renaming ceremony, Los Angeles, June 10, 2002

SECOND SHELF

Photo of Mosk with President Harry S. Truman

Photo of Mosk with President John F. Kennedy

Attorney General campaign poster

Photo of Mosk with Martin Luther King, Jr.

Photo of Mosk with Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sandy Koufax

Photo of Mosk with Roy Campanella

THIRD SHELF

U.S. Coast Guard Temporary Reserve photo, World War II

"Private Mosk, Reporting, Sir, for Court Duty," *Los Angeles Daily News*, September 14, 1945

"Judge Mosk Kayoes Another Res. Covenant," *California Eagle*, March 11, 1948

"Judge Mosk Sees Ruling As Milestone," *Los Angeles Sentinel*, May 6, 1948

Photographic portrait, Los Angeles Superior Court

"Artie Shaw Weds Actress at Home of Judge Mosk," *Los Angeles Times*, October 18, 1945

"June Haver Divorces Zito, Charges Hours of Silence," *Los Angeles Examiner*, March 26, 1948

"Gleason Best Man for Producer," *Mirror-News*, January 4, 1944

"Surprise," *Los Angeles Examiner*, June 12, 1951

"Lady Ashley Wins Divorce from Gable," *Los Angeles Examiner*, April 22, 1952

"Glad to Be Back," *Evening Outlook*, January 3, 1955

FOURTH FLOOR, 110 NORTH GRAND AVENUE ENTRANCE, CONTINUED

"Chaplin Paternity Suit Trial Ordered, Chaplin Loses in Baby Suit Dismissal Fight," *Los Angeles Evening Herald-Express*, March 8, 1944

"Crooker Takes the Stand in Dramatic Murder Trial," *Mirror-News*, November 22, 1955

Crooker v. California, 357 U.S. 433 (1958)

FOURTH SHELF

"League Moves Against City Spoils System," *Municipal League Bulletin*, November 1937

"Vote for These Seven Real Democrats for Democratic County Central Committee," *Tribune - West Hollywood*, August 26, 1938

Culbert L. Olson campaign material

Stanley Mosk, *Extradition Procedure in California* (1939) 14 California State Bar Journal 121

"Olson Fills Los Angeles Judicial Posts," *Los Angeles Times*, January 3, 1943

Superior Court campaign materials

Excerpts from "Judging the News"

Photo of Stanley and Edna Mosk with children, c. 1958

Photo of Mosk with Earl Warren

FIFTH SHELF

Photo of the very young Stanley Mosk

Certificate of Confirmation, May 16, 1926

Rockford Senior High School Diploma, June 20, 1929

R.O.T.C. Commission, 1928-1929

"Class Prexy," *Rockford High School Owl*, June 7, 1929

"We need more Moreys!," *The Deltan*, 1932

Phi Sigma Delta fraternity group portrait

University of Chicago pennant

Law school graduation photo

HON. RONALD M. GEORGE

Chief Justice of California

HON. WILLIAM R. MCGUINNESS

*Administrative Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal,
First Appellate District*

HON. J. STEPHEN CZULEGER

Presiding Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

CALIFORNIA JUDICIAL CENTER LIBRARY

Serving the California Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District

455 Golden Gate Avenue

Room 4617

San Francisco, California 94102-7013

415-865-7178

reference@jud.ca.gov

in collaboration with the

CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

4747 North First Street

Suite 140

Fresno, California 93726

P.O. Box 1071

Fresno, California 93714-1071

800-353-7537

559-227-1463 (fax)

www.cschs.org