James P. Gray

James P. Gray earned his undergraduate degree at UCLA, was a volunteer in the Peace Corps in Costa Rica, earned his law degree at USC was a Criminal Defense Attorney and Staff judge advocate in the US Navy in Guam and Lemoore, California, and then was a federal prosecutor with the United States attorney's office in Los Angeles. After spending five years in private practice in Century City and Newport Beach in business litigation, he was appointed first to the Orange County Municipal Court and then to the Superior Court by Governor Deukmejian, where he served as a trial court judge for 25 years. After he retired from the bench, Judge Gray was the 2012 libertarian candidate for vice president, along with former New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson as the candidate for president.

Judge Gray has written three books, which are "Why Our Drug Laws Have Failed And What We Can Do About It: A Judicial Indictment Of The War On Drugs" (temple university press, 2d edition, 2012), "Wearing The Robe: The Art And Responsibilities Of Judging In Today's Courts" (square one press, 2009), and "A Voter's Handbook: Effective Solutions To America's Problems" (the forum press, 2010), and has also written a high school musical entitled "Americans All."

He has been recognized for his contributions to the courts and society as the Judge Of The Year For The Orange County Bar Association's Business Litigation Section, has been awarded honorary doctor of law degrees from Western State University and Chapman University Schools of Law, and The Constitutional Rights Foundation Of Orange County's annual judge of the year award is named after him.

Judge Gray lives in Newport Beach with his wife, Dr. Grace Walker Gray, has four children, including a son that he adopted from Vietnam, and a one-year old golden retriever puppy.