

## JAMES D. RIDDET

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### Areas of Practice

Criminal Defense  
Federal Crimes

### Education

Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, Indiana  
J.D. - 1966  
Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana  
B.S.  
Major: Business

### Honors and Awards

Best Lawyers of America  
A.V. Rated, Martindale-Hubbell  
Super Lawyer, Orange Coast and Los Angeles Magazine  
Top 50 Lawyers, Orange Coast and Los Angeles Magazine

James Riddet has over 40 years of defending criminal cases in state and federal court, and has tried nearly 100 cases to juries in state and federal court. Mr. Riddet has a well-deserved reputation in the legal community of defending federal cases. He began defending such cases in 1970 and has over the years represented dozens of individuals who are charged with federal offenses or who are under investigation by a federal agency such as the FBI, SEC, DEA, IRS or other such agencies.

In addition to practicing extensively in the federal courts, Mr. Riddet has been an active member of many federal court committees having been appointed by the Chief Judge to serve on such committees as the magistrate's selection committee and the disciplinary committee. In addition, when the court established a branch court in Santa Ana, Mr. Riddet was asked to chair the indigent panel, which involved selection and training of lawyers to be on the indigent panel. He has also been selected by members of the federal judiciary to be an attorney representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, and has served as co-chair of the attorney delegation. In addition to being active in federal court committees, Mr. Riddet has served on the Board of Directors for the Federal Bar Association, Orange Bar Association and California Attorneys For Criminal Justice.

Mr. Riddet has been selected as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, which is an organization that has the highest criteria for membership. The College's criteria for membership states that fellowship to the College "is

only extended by invitation, after careful investigation, to those experienced lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility and collegiality". The College operates under a rule that there can never be more than 1% of the total population of attorneys in any state or province.

Mr. Riddet has also been certified by the California State Bar as a specialist in criminal defense, selected for listing in the Best Lawyers of America, which selects lawyers on the basis of peer review, selected by Los Angeles Magazine as a Super Lawyer and selected as one of the top 50 lawyers in Orange County.