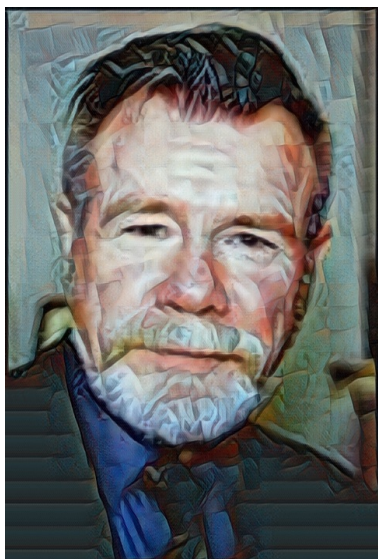


Matthew Clifford St. George, Jr.



Matt St. George attended Loyola Law School in the late 1970s. He graduated in 1979 and was admitted to the bar in 1980. In 1977, Matt was the chair of the Gay Law Students Association, an organization with members from several law schools in Southern California. In 1980, he attended the annual meeting of the American Bar Association where he spoke out in favor of several resolutions to advance the rights of gays and lesbians. Matt later served as president of the Los Angeles Lawyers for Human Rights, now called the Los Angeles LGBTQ+ Bar Association.

Matt started out his legal career in private practice. During his time as a private attorney, Matt was a member of the Gay and Lesbian Police Task Force, a group monitoring relations between the gay and lesbian community and local police departments. One goal of the task force was to have a workplace environment for officers so they could be open and honest about their sexual orientation.

In a 1984 interview with a reporter for the Los Angeles Times, Matt stated:

“As long as you have a system where gay officers keep quiet about their homosexuality, it doesn’t matter whether you have gay officers. As long as that exists, gay candidates can be washed out from the hiring process for all kinds of reasons. But if you have openly gay candidates on the force, you have a visible sign of progress.”

In 1985, Matt became a deputy city attorney for the City of Los Angeles and remained in that role for 24 years. He served as a supervisor in both the civil and criminal branches of the City Attorney’s Office.

In 2009, Matt was appointed by a vote of the judges to serve as court commissioner. He was president of the California Court Commissioners Association in 2013 and acted as secretary and treasurer of the California Judges Association in 2017-18.

Matt died of cancer in 2019 at the age of 70. He was survived by his husband and life partner of many years, Roy Williams. The presiding judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court issued a warm [statement](#) of tribute to Matt upon his death.