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DEWITT W. CLINTON
1983-1988

Dewitt W. Clinton was appointed as the eighth County Counsel in 1983 and served for 15 years.

Mr. Clinton was born in Los Angeles on April 22, 1936. He obtained his undergraduate degree from Loyola Marymount University (LMU) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science in 1958. He attended LMU Law School graduating in 1961 and started working for the County in 1962.[1]

During Mr. Clinton's tenure, he and then serving Chief Administrative Officer, Richard Dixon, negotiated the $50 million donation from Mrs. Lillian Disney to build the Walt and Lily Disney Hall on the 158,000-square foot site, known then as Lot K.[2]

Mr. Clinton was also involved with the *Garza v. County of Los Angeles* lawsuit alleging violations of the Voting Rights Act, which led to a new Supervisorial First District and a special election on February 19, 1991, in which Gloria Molina won as the first woman and first Latina supervisor elected.[3]

Mr. Clinton retired from County service in 1998.

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[1] https://www.martindale.com/attorney/dewitt-w-clinton-114877/

[2] (Vollmer, *For Disney Concert Hall: Take the $50-Million Gift, County Advised,* Los Angeles Times (June 12, 1987).) LA Times.

[3] "MALDEF Lawsuit Created First Latino-Majority Seat on Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors," July 23, 2019. Maldef.org