

# Stephen J. Donell appointed Partition Referee by LA Superior Court in Joe Polk Trust v. Emil Hightower, Case 22STPB00556

*On 04/11/25, LA Superior Court appointed Stephen J. Donell as Partition Referee in Joe Polk Trust v. Emil Hightower, involving property in Inglewood, CA.*

LOS ANGELES, TX, UNITED STATES, May 13, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles appointed Stephen J. Donell as [Partition Referee](#) in the case of The Joe Polk Living Trust, UTD June 22, 2018 v. Emil Bland Hightower, Case No. 22STPB00556. The case involves the real property located at 11102 Crenshaw Boulevard, Inglewood, California 90303 (the "Property").

Mr. Donell was appointed as Referee to take possession, custody and control of the Property to enable him to

ultimately partition the Property by sale. Trust & Estate attorneys often seek appointment of partition referees when family members inherit property, and a dispute arises regarding the sale of the property. A partition action is the only court ordered process in California to bring an end to real estate co-ownership disputes. Under California Code of Civil Procedure Section 872.210, a partition action is a legal process taken to divide a California real estate equitably among its co-owners.

## About Mr. Donell

Since 1990, Mr. Donell has administered and/or been appointed as a federal and state [court receiver](#) in hundreds of cases throughout the country. He has extensive experience involving asset and business liquidations, gas stations, restaurants, residential, [retail and commercial real](#)



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[estate](#). In addition, Mr. Donell has administered cases involving commercial and residential owners' associations, post judgment enforcement actions, marital dissolution cases, single family and condominium construction completion/entitlements, accounts receivable collections, collateral seizure cases, including medical practices and coin laundry facilities, skilled nursing facilities and/or Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly and other types of receivership appointments. Mr. Donell has also administered and/or been appointed in federal court as receiver in United States Securities and Exchange Commission, Federal Trade Commission and other government enforcement actions involving business/consumer fraud. These cases have involved over 25,000 investors and invested funds totaling more than \$750 million and involve the recovery of assets in multiple foreign jurisdictions.

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