

**2017 CANDIDATE FOR CHSSA PRESIDENT
HON. MICHAEL ORFIELD
AREA IV**



I am the coach at Canyon Crest Academy and President of the San Diego Imperial Valley Speech League. Last year, due to my students' hard work, I was honored to be named Coach of the Year.

I am a retired Superior Court Judge and, besides coaching, I serve as an Arbitrator, and teach at UC San Diego. I have worked on a variety of State-level judicial organizations and served as President of the San Diego County Judges Association, Chair of the Metropolitan Municipal Courts Association and Presiding Judge of the San Diego Municipal Court. I understand the role of leadership in a large organization in which diverse opinions are expressed and appreciate that successful decision-making requires collaboration. I encourage lively and respectful discussion and strive to give voice to all opinions, with the goal of moving toward resolution.

As president of CHSSA, my goals would include creating a strong working relationship with each of our Leagues, including visits and workshops, and finding ways to embed forensic education and competition into California Schools.

With great respect for you who make CHSSA work and for the wonderful impact that work has on so many young people, I announce my candidacy for President.