

Biographical Data
Judge Michael J. Naughton

Born in Chicago Illinois attended Loyola University of Chicago (AB P1 Sc 1962) and De Paul University College of Law (J.D.1965). Admitted to Illinois Bar 1965; California Bar 1969; also, admitted to US Supreme Court of Military Appeals, and US District Court. Certified as a Specialist in Family Law by the State Bar of California, July 1980. Judge Naughton was formerly a Municipal Court Judge in 1978. Private practice from 1969 to 1978, and 1979 through May 2002. Appointed to Orange County Superior Court in April 2002. Present assignment is Family Law Panel District Calendar.

Judge Naughton served on active duty in the United States Marine Corps from 1965 until 1969. Upon release, he served in the Reserve of the United States Marine Corps until his retirement in 1992 with the rank of Colonel. He is entitled to wear the Department of Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Twenty Year Reserve Service Medal, and the Republic of Viet Nam Unit Cross of the Gallantry.

He has written two articles for local bar journal on Family Law and has served as an instructor for various seminars sponsored by the Orange County Bar Association and the State Bar of California. He was formerly the president of the Family Law Institute and Continuing Judicial Studies Program of The Administrative Office of the Courts in 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007.

In 2006, he was the recipient of the J.E.T. Rutter award for outstanding contributions as a jurist during 2005, from the Family Law Section, Orange County Bar Association. In January 2007 he was named the Orange County Family Law Jurist of the year for 2006 by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.