Hon. John Laurence Flynn III, Judge

Superior Court of California, County of Orange

Election / Appointment:

Superior Court of California, County of Orange, August 1998 – Present.
Elected November 9, 2010, November 2, 2004. Elected November 3, 1998. Succeeded to Superior Court pursuant to Proposition 220 majority vote of judges in county effective August 10, 1998.
2015 – Present: Family Law Panel. 2013 – 2015: Felony Panel / Central Criminal Panel – Sexually Violent Predator and Mentally Disordered Offender trials. 2010 – 2013: Harbor Justice Center, Laguna Hills: Civil Panel – limited civil and small claims. 2004 – 2010: Central Panel Open Trial Court, Central Justice Center, Santa Ana: misdemeanor and felony trials, miscellaneous limited and general civil trial matters, felony preliminary hearings. 2000 – 2004: Juvenile Panel, Lamoreaux Justice Center, Orange: Welfare and Institutions Code Section 300 juvenile dependency matters and Section 600 juvenile delinquency matters and hearings. 1998 – 2000: Central Panel Open Trial Court, Central Justice Center, Santa Ana: misdemeanor and felony trials, limited and general civil trial matters, felony preliminary hearings.

Central Orange County Municipal Court, April 1997 – August 1998.
Appointed by Governor Pete Wilson, April 1997.
Central Municipal Court, Central Justice Center, Santa Ana: Limited jurisdiction case and magisterial matters, including misdemeanor and limited civil jurisdiction trials, felony preliminary hearings.

Education / Legal Practice:

University of California, Hastings College of the Law, J.D., May 1982
University of California, Irvine, Graduate School of Management, M.S., June 1978
University of California, Irvine, Program in Social Ecology, B.A., June 1977
California State Bar, December 1982; United States Supreme Court, 1991; United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 1982; United States District Court, Central District of California, 1983; United States District Court, Southern District of California, 1989.
Corporate Counsel for Allstate Insurance, 1992 – 1997; Private Civil Defense Practice with emphasis on medical, dental, pharmacy, legal malpractice and business fraud, 1989 – 1992; Deputy District Attorney, Orange County District Attorney's Office, 1984 – 1989; Private Civil Defense Practice with emphasis on medical malpractice and business fraud, 1982 – 1984.

Member:

Fellow – International Academy of Trial Judges; Founding Judicial Fellow – Orange County Bar Foundation Society of Fellows; Constitutional Rights Foundation-Orange County, Judge of the Year 2012; Alliance of California Judges, 2010 – 2014; Chair, Orange County Superior Court Dispute Resolution Program Act (DRPA) Committee, 2010 – Present; St. Thomas More Society, 2000 – 2015; Robert Banyard American Inn of Court, 1998 – Present; California Judges Association, 1997 – 2011; Constitutional Rights Foundation-Orange County, 1997 – Present: Peer Court Council, Peer Court Judge, Mock Trial Competition Judge; Orange County Superior Court Budget/Finance Committee, 2002 – 2006; Orange County Superior Court Grand Jury Selection Committee, 2001 – 2005; California Juvenile Judges Association, 2000 – 2004; National Juvenile and Family Law Judges' Association, 2000 – 2004; Orange County Superior Court Community Outreach Committee, 1999 – 2004; Orange County Family Violence Council, 1999 – 2003.

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