



Hon. Franciso (Frank) Pedro Briseno, Judge

Superior Court of California, County of Orange

Appointment/Election: Appointed (succeeding Judge Walter E. Smith, retired) by Governor Brown, Jr. April 5, 1979 (oath April 18, 1979), elected in 1980 (opposed), and reelected in 1986, 1992, 1998, and 2004 (all unopposed). Senior judge of Orange County Superior Court, and longest active serving judge.

Presiding Judge Juvenile Court, 1991-1994; Presiding Judge Superior Court Appellate Panel, 1990. Supervising Judge Criminal Panel 1985-1986; Supervising Judge Grand Jury, 1985-1986; Judge, Municipal Court, Central Orange County Judicial District, Orange County, March 10, 1977 (date of oath) to April 18, 1979, appointed February 17, 1977, by Governor Brown, Jr., and elected in 1978.

Employment: Deputy District Attorney, Orange County, 1969-1977. Head of Homicide Unit District Attorney's Office, 1975-1977. Admitted to California Bar, January 15, 1969.

Education: J.D. (1968), Loyola University Law School (now Loyola Law School), Los Angeles, California. B.A. (1961, Political Science), Long Beach State College (now California State University), Long Beach. Graduate (1957) Gardena High School, Gardena, Los Angeles County. Served eight years United States Marine Corps 1961-1969 (highest rank, major); Infantry Officer 1961-1964; Provost Marshal Marine Corps Air Station, Tustin, California, 1964-1968; Company Commander 1st Tank Battalion 1st Marine Division, Vietnam, J-3 Staff MACV Saigon, 1968-1969. Also served in United States Marine Corps Reserve, 1957-1961 enlisted grade 13th Rifle Battalion; 1972-1995 SJA Officer 4th Marine Air Wing; Retired Colonel. Recipient: Bronze Star and Joint Service Commendation Medal.

Personal: Born in 1939 in La Puente, California. Married, wife's name, Maria. Two daughters.

Memberships: California Judges Association, 1977-Present; Executive Committee Juvenile Judges State of California, 1991-1994; Chairperson CJA Criminal Law and Procedure Committee, 1996-1997 and 1997-1998; Member Court's Executive Committee, 1991-1993 and 1995-1996 (elected).

Faculty: Adjunct professor Pepperdine University School of Law, 1976-1979.

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