

Funeral of Judge Patrick Flanagan Attended



Judge Patrick
Flanagan

Funeral Mass was held for Judge Patrick Flanagan (1953-2017) on October 12, 2017 at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Reno, Nevada. Bishop Gene and Radhelka Savoy attended the service.

Flanagan, chief judge of Washoe County District Courts, was an acquaintance of Bishop Savoy and much admired by him.

His legal career began after graduation from California Western School of Law in 1978. Moving to Reno after graduation to work as a Washoe County Appellate Public Defender. As a Federal Public Defender he appeared in front of the US Supreme Court in *Sumner v. Shuman* (1987) and numerous Ninth Circuit court appearances.

Flanagan's obituary states: "He was a formidable champion for a fair, unbiased and just legal system. He never wavered in his pursuit for justice and quality legal services for all

people regardless of money, citizenship, race, age, or religion. Prior to his death, he was pursuing his Masters in Law with a final thesis on expanding the role of Paralegals to assist the underserved community with mediation and pre-trial services. Throughout his legal career he was dedicated to upholding our Constitution and improving the legal system for all."