

PETERSON, J. [John] Clinton

RETIRED PRESIDING JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, First Appellate District, Division Five

Appointment/Election: Appointed [succeeding Presiding Justice Harry Low, retired] by Governor Wilson Aug. 10, 1992, confirmed by Commission on Judicial Appointments Sept. 25, 1992, oath same day, confirmed by electorate Nov. 8, 1994 to 12-year term commencing Jan. 3, 1995, and retired in 1998.

Other Judicial Office: Associate Justice, same court, Division Two, Nov. 8, 1988 (date of confirmation by Commission on Judicial Appointments and oath) to Sept. 25, 1992, appointed [succeeding Associate Justice Allison Martin Rouse, retired] by Governor Deukmejian Oct. 6, 1988, and confirmed by electorate Nov. 6, 1990. Judge, Superior Court, Solano County, Dec. 30, 1986 (date of oath) to Nov. 8, 1988, appointed to newly-created position by Governor Deukmejian Dec. 2, 1986. Served periodically as Judge *pro tempore*, same superior court, 1978-86.

Past Employment: Private law practice: Vallejo, Calif., 1957-86 (partner, Kilpatrick & Peterson, and its predecessor, Kilpatrick, Peterson & Ely [now Solano County Superior Court Judge Dwight C. Ely], 1958-86; and associate, Kilpatrick & O'Hara, 1957-58). Deputy District Attorney, Solano County, 1955-57. Assistant Attorney General, State of Idaho, Boise, June 1954 to Oct. 1955 and Oct. 1951 to June 1952. Private law practice, Twin Falls, Idaho, July-Oct. 1951 (associate, Parry, Kennan, Robertson & Daily).

Memberships/Awards: Member: Calif. Judges Assn., 1987— (Executive Board, 1990-93); and Solano County Bar Assn., 1955— (currently, inactive; President, 1974). Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers, 1968—. Former Trustee and past President, Governing Board, Solano Community College, 1965-71. Former member and past Chair, Solano County Committee on School District Reorganization, 1966-68. Former member, Board of Trustees, Green Valley School Dist., Solano County, 1960. Troop Committee Chair, Troop 980, Boy Scouts of America, Fairfield, Calif., 1981.

Teaching/Lectures/Panelist: Lecturer at CEB program on litigation management and expert witnesses, 1976-78. Contributor, Personal Injury Proof (Cal CEB 1970).

Military Experience: Served from Second Lieutenant to First Lieutenant, U.S. Air Force, Korean War, June 1952 to June 1954 (Staff Judge Advocate, Travis Air Force Base; also spent time in Germany and England).

Education: LL.B. (1951), Univ. of Idaho College of Law, Moscow (Phi Alpha Delta).

Born: July 27, 1928; Winchester, Idaho; Married. Five children.

Interests: Enjoys hunting, fishing, playing golf, and reading.

Admission: Admitted to Calif. Bar Aug. 2, 1954; to Supreme Court of Idaho and to U.S. Dist. Court of Idaho in 1951; to U.S. Supreme Court in 1961; to U.S. Dist. Court, Northern Dist. [now Northern and Eastern Districts] of Calif., in 1963; to U.S. Court of Claims in 1970; and to U.S. Dist. Court of Guam (*pro hac vice*) in 1983.

Political Affiliation/Religion: Republican (member, Solano County Republican Central Committee, 1980-82).