

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
County of Marin



Press Release

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Marin County Superior Court Mourns the Passing of Retired Judge Michael B. Dufficy

San Rafael, California — The Marin County Superior Court is saddened by the passing of the Honorable **Michael B. Dufficy (Ret.)**, who passed away peacefully on July 6, 2026, at the age of 88.

Judge Dufficy dedicated more than five decades of distinguished service to the Marin County legal community. After beginning his career as a Marin County Deputy District Attorney, he entered private practice, where he became a Certified Specialist in both Family Law and Criminal Law and served as President of the Marin County Bar Association.

In 1990, Governor George Deukmejian appointed Judge Dufficy to the Marin County Municipal Court. Governor Pete Wilson elevated him to the Marin County Superior Court in 1992, where he served with distinction for more than 20 years. During his judicial career, he presided over Civil, Probate, and Family Law assignments. He earned the respect of colleagues, attorneys, and litigants for his fairness, integrity, and unwavering commitment to justice. Following his retirement, he continued serving the legal community as a respected mediator.

The Marin County Superior Court extends its deepest sympathies to Judge Dufficy's family and honors his extraordinary legacy of public service and dedication to the people of Marin County.

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