

RACANELLI, John T. RETIRED PRESIDING JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL, First Appellate District, Division One.

Appointed [succeeding Presiding Justice John B. Molinari, *retired*] by Governor Brown Jr. May 6, 1977, confirmed by Commission on Judicial Appointments June 2, 1977, oath June 3, 1977, confirmed by electorate Nov 7, 1978, reconfirmed by electorate Nov 2, 1982, and retired from bench on deferred retirement Jan 31, 1991. Administrative Presiding Judge, Jan 1981 to Feb 1987. Judge, Superior Court, Santa Clara County, Oct 16, 1964 (date of oath) to June 2, 1977, appointed Aug 17, 1964 by Governor Brown, Sr., elected in 1966, and reelected in 1972. Assistant Presiding Judge, 1977. Presiding Judge, 1971. Private law practice (specializing as trial lawyer in all types of civil and criminal proceedings), Sunnyvale, Santa Clara County, 1953-64 (partner: Racanelli & Trepel, 1963-64; Racanelli, Duvaras & Trepel, 1962-63; and Racanelli & Duvaras, 1955-63); and San Francisco, Calif, 1953-55. Admitted to Calif Bar Nov 6, 1952; and to U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, and U.S. Dist Court, Northern Dist of Calif, in Nov 1952. J.D. (June 1952), Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, Calif. B.S. (June 1949), Univ of Calif, Berkeley. Graduate, Polytechnic High School, San Francisco. Served to Lieutenant (Aerial Navigator), U.S. Army Air Corps [*now* U.S. Air Force], World War II, and Korean War (over 3 years active duty). Born Nov 14, 1925 in Lansdowne, Pennsylvania. Married. Five children by prior marriage: Chris, John, Karen, Laura, and Thomas.

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Law, Hastings College of the Law, Fall 1991 to Spring 1992. Faculty, The Rutter Group Update Program, "Civil Procedure," 1991. Faculty Seminar Leader, Calif Trial Judges College Session (CJER) [*now* Calif Judicial College (CJER)], Berkeley, 1976. Panelist, State Bar Convention (Beverly Hills), 1975. Former Instructor (Real Estate Law), Foothill Community College. Author: "Judicial Evaluation Polls-A Specimen(s) View, In Re San Francisco Bar Assn Publication (March 1976 issue)"; "Issues and Justice," *NCCJ Quarterly* (Fall 1975); and "Sentencing Alternatives: A Guide to Sentencing Alternatives in Santa Clara County" (1973-74).

Member: National Council on Crime & Delinquency, 1992- (Board member); Calif Judges Assn (President, 1974-75; Executive Board, 1973-76; member, Select Committee on Court Reorganization, 1977); Santa Clara County Bar Assn, 1960- (former member, Board of Trustees); Bar Assn of San Francisco (honorary); The Bay Institute of San Francisco, 1992- (Board member); Hastings College of the Law Alumni Assn (former member, Board of Governors); Italian-American Heritage Assn; Advisory Board of Directors, [Friends Outside; National Board of Trustees, National Conference of Christians and Jews; and Northern Calif Service League. Fellow, International Academy of Trial Judges, 1976-. President, American Justinian Society, 1981-. Chair, Koshland Civic Unity Awards Committee, San Francisco Foundation.

Former member: Calif Judicial Council's Committee of Administrative Presiding Justices, 1981-87; Calif Commission on Judicial Performance, 1977-88 (Chair, 1981-87); Board of Directors, National Center for State Courts, 1981-87; Advisory Committee, Center for Judicial Conduct Organizations, American Judicature Society, 1985-86; Calif Judicial Council's Special Committee on Appellate Practices and Procedures, 1977-80 (appointed by Chief Justice); Board of Trustees, Santa Clara County Law Library; Board of Visitors, Hastings College of the Law, 1975; Attorney General's Advisory Committee to Evaluate Anti-Organized Crime Programs in Calif, 1974; Santa Clara County Regional Criminal Justice Planning Board, 1973-74; State Bar's Conference on Court Reform (San Diego), 1972; Legal Aid Society of Santa Clara County; Santa Clara County Grand Jury, 1960; Advisory Board, Santa Clara Mental Health Assn; Citizens Advisory Committee to Redevelopment Agency, Sunnyvale; and Board of Directors, Children's Home Society, San Jose, 1966-67. Former Advisory member: Calif Judicial Council's Executive Committee, 1974-75; and Governing Board, CJER, 1974-75. Participant: Calif State Bar's Conference, Law in the Future (Coronado), 1975; Regional Justice Conference (San Diego), 1972; and Workshop Participant, National College of State Trial Judges, 1967, Participating member, National

Conference of Metropolitan Courts, 1972-74. Former supporting member, Ex-Squared Foundation, San Jose chapter. Former Chairman: Calif Appellate Courts Institute Planning Committee, 1982; Calif Judicial Council's Sentencing Practices Advisory Committee, 1977-80 (appointed by Chief Justice) and Advisory Committee for Superior Courts Sentencing Institute, 1973; Santa Clara County Judges Joint Committee for Administration of Criminal Justice, 1976; and Board of Zoning Adjustment, Sunnyvale. Former General Chairman, Polaris District, Santa Clara County Council, Boy Scouts of America. Past President, Sunnyvale Bar Assn, 1959.

Recipient: "Brotherhood Award and Torch of Freedom" (1979), from San Jose chapter, B'nai B'rith, Anti-Defamation League; "Order of Merit" (1978), from President of Republic of Italy; "Award for Exemplary Service" (1977), from Italian American Lawyers of Calif; "Resolution of Commendation" (1976), from Calif State Assembly; "Certificate of Appreciation" (1976), from Calif State Bar Board of Governors re Special Committee to Study Appellate Court Appointments; "Certificate of Honor" for distinction and merit (1976), from Hastings College of the Law; "Award for Equitable Administration of Justice to the Poor and Indigent" (1974), from Santa Clara Community Legal Services; and "Distinguished Service Award" (1974-1976), from Santa Clara County Bar Assn. Named "Trial Judge of the Year" (1976) by Calif Trial Lawyers Assn. Democrat.

Noteworthy decisions authored by Justice Racanelli include: *Warfield v. Peninsula Golf & Country Club* (1989) 214 C.A.3d 646, 262 C.R. 890 (ruling that wife of country club member could pursue civil rights claim against club for denying her admission to club after judge had awarded her the membership in accordance with parties' property settlement agreement); and *United States v. State Water Resources Control Board* (1986) 182 CA3d 82, 227 C.R. 161 (holding state water resources control board is empowered to limit amount of export water by federal government to contract users in order to protect delta water quality, including fish and wild life).

Available as a private judge. Member, Judicial Arbitration & Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS), 1991-.