



OFFICE OF THE  
**COUNTY COUNSEL**



**JOHN F. KRATTLI**

2012 – 2014

In June 2012, the Board of Supervisors appointed John Krattli as County Counsel, making him the 13th County Counsel.

Mr. Krattli graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. After graduating, he attended law school at the University of California, Los Angeles. After passing the California State bar exam in 1978, he joined the Office of the County Counsel, beginning his 35-year County career in 1979.

Mr. Krattli started out in the General Litigation Division where he had a diverse litigation assignment, including dangerous condition, automobile liability, excessive force, and disability retirement cases. He later transferred to the Public Works Division where he focused on inverse condemnation cases principally involving damage caused by landslides and flooding. Subsequently, he advised the Department of County Engineer, the Road Department, and the Flood Control District and worked on the consolidation of those two departments and the Flood Control District into the Department of Public Works.

In November 1994, Mr. Krattli became the Division Chief of the Public Works Division, overseeing legal services provided to County departments including Public Works, Regional Planning, Beaches and Harbors, Fire, the Internal Services Department, the Chief Executive Office (then Chief Administrative Office), and the Housing Authority. Mr. Krattli also was the Local Agency Formation Commission's principal legal advisor for close to 10 years.

In July 2003, Mr. Krattli was appointed Senior Assistant County Counsel and supervised the General Litigation, Property, Public Works, Contracts, Probate, and Transportation Divisions. He was also a member of the County Claims Board for seven years and served on the MTA's Claims Board. By December 2011, Mr. Krattli became the Acting Chief Deputy, which eventually led to his role as Acting County Counsel in February 2012 and County Counsel in June 2012. He retired in 2014 and looked forward to watching his grandchildren grow.