



RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
2004 – 2009

Raymond G. Fortner was appointed by the Board of Supervisors as County Counsel effective November 17, 2004, making him the 10th person to fill that role.

Mr. Fortner obtained his law degree from USC. He joined the County Counsel's office in 1970 and in 1997 became the Chief Deputy to Lloyd Pellman in 1997 and remained in that role until his appointment to County Counsel in 2004.¹

During his tenure as County Counsel, Mr. Fortner developed a realignment project that created the Litigation Cost Management Division, which was supervised by the Litigation Cost Manager, and the Law Enforcement Division. He also split the then Public Works Division into two divisions – Public Works and Property. Continuing his realignment efforts, Mr. Fortner later merged the Dependency Division with the Dependency Appeals Division to form one Dependency Division, which he then divided into five sections and brought about the section head assignments. He also dealt with the controversial issue regarding the County seal and the surrounding litigation about whether the cross on the mission, which was removed in 2004, should remain removed or be added back to the seal.

Mr. Fortner retired from County service on March 30, 2009.²

¹ (Ofgang, *Raymond Fortner Tapped as County Counsel for Next Two Years*, Metropolitan News-Enterprise (Nov. 10, 2004).) [Met News Link](#)

² County Counsel Archives