



Will Mattly Class of 2010

Will Mattly graduated from Oroville High School on June 8, 1951. He attended California State University, Chico, known then as Chico State College, from 1951 to 1955 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting. He worked for the Mail-Me-Monday Accounting firm in Yreka, California from August 1955 to January 1956. He then worked as a junior accountant in the Butte County Auditor's Office from January 1956 to April 1956, leaving to enter the US Army in which he served as a company clerk and battalion finance clerk with the 41st Engineer Battalion, 10th Mountain Division stationed in Kitzingen, Germany. He completed his tour in the active Army as a sergeant and served another two years in the California Army National Guard. He was discharged in May 1960.

From 1958 to 1960, he operated Hiatt's Grocery. In August 1960, he purchased the Lucas Market and turned it and Hiatt's Grocery into Mattly's Market, which he operated until September 8, 1965. His operation of Mattly's Market proved quite successful, taking a family corner grocery store operation and turning it into a medium sized market.

In September 1965, Will decided to pursue his long-term dream of becoming a lawyer. He attended McGeorge College of Law, Sacramento, California, which later became the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. He graduated in 1969 with a Juris Doctor degree.

After graduation, Will worked for the law firm of Minasian, Minasian & Minasian of Oroville as both a law clerk and associate attorney. He was admitted to the California State Bar and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California on June 24, 1970. He was admitted to the Nevada State Bar in 1989. He continues to maintain both memberships.

Will served as the Butte County Deputy District Attorney (DA) from May 1, 1971, to February 1974. From February 1974 to January 1979, he served as Assistant DA. He was elected Butte County DA for three terms from January 1979 to September 1987. Will has taken pride in the fact that while in the DA's Office he developed into a competent trial lawyer, and he personally tried the most difficult cases in the office. He takes further pride in the fact that even though the office grew from 5 lawyers to 14, he still maintained a full court calendar and daily contact with the courts in addition to his general administrative duties as DA.

In September 1987, Will retired during his third term as Butte County DA and took a job with the Department of Justice, US Attorney's Office for the District of Nevada and as an Assistant US Attorney for the Criminal Division, which he held until retiring in April 1996. In April 1996, Will took an interim appointment as Lander County, Nevada DA, which he held until January 4, 1999. From 1999 until October 2003, he was the Chief Trial Deputy for Churchill County, Nevada, DA's Office. He continues to represent pro bono cases.