
KENNETH E. FLADAGER

Ken received his commission in the United States Navy after graduation from the United States Naval Academy in 1978 with a B.S. in Physical Sciences. Outside of academics, he was on the varsity rifle team and the Class-A sailing team. He served more than ten years as a Surface Warfare Officer, mostly overseas in the western Pacific. While in Panama, he became one of a handful of Navy personnel to be qualified as a Jungle Expert by the U.S. Army Jungle Operations Training Center. After leaving active duty in 1989, he served two more years in the Naval Reserve, leaving the service shortly after the Gulf War.



Ken went back to school at the UNM School of Law, graduating in 1992. After seven years of private practice before federal, state, city and tribal courts, he joined the District Attorney's Office in Albuquerque, NM, where he is now a Senior Trial Attorney with more than 14 years in the juvenile crimes division. He gets all the sensitive cases, like prosecuting the offspring of a chief of police, a law school professor, a sheriff's deputy and a district court judge. Ken is a member of the New Mexico Medical Review Commission, the National District Attorney's Association, is on the boards of directors of the State Bar Prosecutors and Children's Law sections, and is in his 16th year of supporting high school mock trial competitions.

After a number of years of civilian life, Ken re-entered the service in 2004 with the New Mexico Air National Guard as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for the 150th Fighter Wing, now the 150th Special Operations Wing. Lt Col Fladager has deployed to Task Force Pelican in support of Hurricane Katrina/Rita relief, to the 401st Air Expeditionary Group in support of the Global War on Terrorism, and twice to the 601st Air Operations Center in support of Operation Noble Eagle.

Ken is married, with a daughter and granddaughter. When time permits, he would rather be sailing, scuba diving, and fishing with the fly rods he built.