

## **Phillip Dean Hatfield**

With a diverse background spanning rigorous academic pursuits and dedicated military service, Phillip Dean Hatfield approaches the bench with a profound respect for justice, integrity, and the rule of law. His experiences have instilled in him a belief that every individual deserves to be heard and treated with dignity, regardless of circumstance. Guided by a commitment to fairness, he views his role as a judge not merely as an interpreter of statutes, but as a steward of the community's trust, striving to ensure that each decision upholds both legal principles and the greater good.

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***Education:***

***Keller School of Business, Devry University, Fremont, CA 94538***  
***Master of Business Administration (MBA)***

***Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, IN 47405 Doctor of Jurisprudence (Law Degree)***

***University of Illinois, Urbana, IL 60801 Master of Arts in Philosophy***

***University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556, Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy***

***Military Experience:***

***United States Army Reserve, Lieutenant colonel, Chemical Corps,  
Retired.***

***Chief, Border and Ports of Entry Branch, Iraq Training and  
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