

# District Court



Position No. 3

Two Year Unexpired Term



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**Education:** Fife High School; University of Washington, BA; University of California, Davis, JD.

**Occupation:** Incumbent, Pierce County District Court Judge.

**Professional Qualifications:** Pierce County District Court Judge, Position 3; Attorney, 31 years; Pro Tem and Municipal Judge and Arbitrator for 25 years; Federal Prosecutor; Law Clerk, Washington Supreme Court; United States Army Reserves, 6 years.

**Personal Information:** Married to Terry for 30 years; raised 2 sons, Ryan and Joe, in Gig Harbor.

**Community Involvement:** Fife Park & Senior Services Board; Fife-Milton Rotary; Tacoma Urban League; Youth education & sports.

**Personal Views:** Judge Dacca was raised on his parents' farm in Pierce County. He attended local schools, served proudly in the military and was a small business owner. Frank's dedication to family and community values make him an exceptional judge. Judge Dacca has a reputation for common sense, hard work and fairness. He has unmatched integrity, compassion and commitment to public safety, accountability and justice for all citizens. Judge Dacca has broad-based support from public safety officials and the community, including **Tacoma Firefighters #31, Pierce County Sheriff's Guild, County Executive John Ladenburg, County Prosecutor Gerald Horne, Chief Justice Gerry Alexander, the Pierce County Central Labor Council, Senator Rosa Franklin and Rep. Jan Shabro.**

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**Education:** Bachelor of Science from University of Utah and Law Degree from University of Puget Sound

**Occupation:** Attorney at law since 1983.

**Professional Qualifications:** Pro Tem Judge Pierce County District Court, Fife, Tacoma and Puyallup Municipal Courts, Pro Tem Superior Court Commissioner, prior Lakewood Municipal Judge. Attorney over 20 years, Pro Tem Judge 15 years. Extensive experience in family, real estate, personal injury, criminal and probate law.

**Personal Information:** Married 37 years, with four grown children; wife is a school-teacher. Army Infantry Officer, Airborne -Ranger, Military and Civilian aviator in fixed and rotary wing aircraft. Decorated Viet Nam Veteran; Prior to law school, owner of retail business consisting of three tire stores. Hobbies are travel and many outdoor sports.

**Community Involvement:** Scout leader over 30 years and former Fircest Council member. Volunteer regularly at the Pierce County Family Law Clinic and other free clinics. Coach of youth athletic teams and volunteers at many community activities.

**Personal Views:** The District Court is a very important institution. More people come in contact with the District Court than any other Court. It has greater influence and involvement with our citizens. The Court must stress fairness, impartiality, personal responsibility and follow the law.

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