

BIOGRAPHY

John J. Flynn is currently the Town Attorney in Tonawanda, NY. Flynn attended Bowling Green State University, in Bowling Green, Ohio and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1988.

Flynn joined the United States Navy after college. He attended Naval Officer Candidate School, in Newport, Rhode Island, and upon graduation he was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Navy. He then attended Navy Supply Corps School (The Navy's Business School), in Athens, Georgia, and upon graduation was assigned to the USS CLEVELAND (LPD-7), stationed in San Diego, California. There he served as the Assistant Supply Officer deploying overseas to the Western Pacific during his two-year tour and served during the Gulf War.

After he fulfilled his naval commitment, Flynn returned to Buffalo and attended The State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law. While in law school, he continued to serve in the Naval Reserves. Upon graduation from law school in 1995, he went back on active duty and served in the Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps. He served as a Navy attorney at Pensacola Naval Air Station, in Pensacola, Florida, then served his final two years on active duty at the United States Naval Academy, in Annapolis, Maryland. Flynn was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and two (2) Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals during his time on active duty.

In 2001, Flynn decided he wanted to return home to Western New York. He left active duty and took a job as an Assistant District Attorney in the Erie County District Attorney's Office. He was quickly promoted to the Homicide Bureau, where he served until leaving in 2002 to enter private law practice. Flynn continues to serve in the Naval Reserves and holds the rank of Commander. He currently serves as a litigation attorney assigned to the Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Navy, in Washington, D.C. Since re-affiliating with the reserves in 2001, Flynn has earned three (3) additional Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals.

In 2003, Flynn decided to make his first run for public office. He ran for and won a seat on the Town of Tonawanda Town Board. In December of 2006, Flynn was appointed Town Justice in the Town of Tonawanda. He won election to a full term in 2007. In 2008, Flynn was appointed an acting Buffalo City Court Judge. In 2010, Flynn left the bench and was appointed Town Attorney in Tonawanda. He also serves as an adjunct professor at SUNY Buffalo State.

Flynn resides in the Town of Tonawanda with his wife, Debra, and their five children, Derek (age 26), Kelsie (23), Ryan (19), Konner (16) and Gracie (11).