Michael F. Knapp

Mr. Knapp was born and raised in the San Francisco bay area. He is a graduate of San Jose State University and Santa Clara University School of Law. He was appointed a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in 1971 where he served the Office of Legal Counsel as well as a number of field and headquarters management positions. He retired in 1997 as a member of the FBI's Senior Executive Service (SES).

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