



CAMDEN COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION

HON. SAMUEL D. NATAL MEMORIAL AWARD

Judge Natal was born on April 1, 1945, in Camden to Reba A. Natal, a secretary, and her husband, Edward, a certified public accountant. He was raised in Camden until his family moved in 1959 to Delaware Township, soon to be renamed Cherry Hill. He graduated from Cherry Hill High School in 1963.

In 1967, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration from Rutgers University. He earned his juris doctorate from the Villanova University School of Law in 1970.

From 1970 to 1984, Judge Natal worked in private practice and also briefly as an assistant prosecutor, which was then a part-time job in Camden County. After being appointed to Superior Court, he was assigned to the Family Division and in 1986 was named presiding judge. He later completed rotations in the Civil and Criminal Divisions and finally settled in the Criminal Division. From 1997 to 2011 he served as the acting presiding judge of the Criminal Division.

Judge Natal loved sailing and was a past commodore of the Cooper River Yacht Club. Judge Natal was appointed to Superior Court in 1984 and served in the Family, Civil, and Criminal Divisions. He retired in 2015 but served as a recall judge to fill vacancies on the bench.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

A scholarship of \$1,000 to be given to a student at any of the following law schools: Rutgers-Camden, Rutgers-Newark, Penn, Seton Hall, Temple, Villanova, or Widener. Applicants must show a bona fide intention to practice law in Camden County. Applicants should also demonstrate genuine financial need as well as scholastic achievement.