



## Jan Hoag Biography

### *The judge in “RAISING FLAGG”*

Portland native Jan Hoag returned to Oregon from her Los Angeles home to play the judge whose patience is severely tested by Flagg Purdy’s courtroom antics in “Raising Flagg.”

While attending All Saints Grade School and Holy Child Academy, Hoag acted in school plays and planned on majoring in drama in college. Instead, she ended up graduating from Oregon State University’s School of Business.

She was subsequently hired by Meier and Frank and enrolled in their executive training program. A succession of management positions, including as a buyer in the fashion industry for May Company Stores, followed. They eventually transferred her to Orange County to serve as the Divisional Sales Manager for Women’s Ready To Wear at their South Coast Plaza store.

That’s when the acting bug struck Hoag again. She started going to plays in L.A. and decided that she “was not going to be 80 years old and look back on my life, having not explored my original passion,” she says with a laugh.

In a bold move, Hoag quit her well-paying career in fashion and made the leap – without the security of a salary. She studied at the Strasburg Institute by day and did plays at night for two years – eventually landing an agent and her first feature film role in the same day.

Hoag has since appeared in such motion pictures as “Christmas with the Kranks” with Tim Allen and Jamie Lee Curtis, and “The Kid” with Bruce Willis. There have also been numerous guest appearances in such primetime series as “Desperate Housewives,” “Malcolm in the Middle,” “Judging Amy,” “Buffy,” “8 Simple Rules,” “Ally McBeal,” and “Providence.”