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PROFESSIONAL

Civil Case Mediator and Owner, Nicholson Mediation Services, PLLC

Judge, 52/3 District Court 1996-2024

Presided over thousands of civil and criminal cases in largest district court in Oakland County.

Appointed Chief Judge by Michigan Supreme Court for 10 years.
Chief Judge Pro Tem, 1998-2004; 2004-2012

*Visiting Circuit Court Judge for Oakland County Civil Division.

*Also appointed as Visiting Circuit Court Judge for Oakland County Circuit Court Drug Court.

As **Chief Judge** responsible for managing 300-plus employees including 10 judges and 10 magistrates in 4 of Oakland County's largest district courts. Responsible for overseeing court operations with a \$15-plus-million-dollar budget.

Adjunct Professor, Thomas Cooley Law School 2007-2013 - taught Pretrial Skills class to law school students.

Michigan Judicial Institute - Faculty member, 1999-2019. Provided judicial education to judges in Michigan on various topics including ADR, jury management, collections, etc.

Potter, Carniak, P.C. 1990-1996. Partner and Associate in mid-level law firm. Litigation practice in the following areas: employment liability, insurance defense, commercial, and highway liability.

Oakland County Bar Association 1993-1996. Neutral evaluator for circuit court and district court case evaluations.

Barbier, Tolleson, P.C., 1986-1990 - Associate in large law firm. General litigation practice involving: highway liability, environmental litigation, insurance defense litigation, nursing home litigation, and personal injury cases.

EDUCATION

Detroit College of Law

Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, 1987
Law Review

Michigan State University

Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/Pre-Law, 1983

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Bar/Judicial Associations

State Bar of Michigan
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
American Bar Association
Oakland County Bar Association
Rochester Bar Association, President 2010-2011
Orion/Oxford Bar Association
Women Lawyer's Bar Association
American Judicial Association
Michigan District Judges Association
Oakland County District Judges Association
Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation

Bar Committees/Activities

Bench/Bar Organizational Committee, Oakland County Bar Association
Blue Ribbon/Public Advisory Committee: OCBA
Michigan Supreme Court Local Intergovernmental Advisory Council
Inns of Court Master, Oakland County Bar Association
Michigan Supreme Court Collections Advisory Committee

Other

Incorporated Society of Irish/American Lawyers
Editorial Advisory Committee for Crime Victim's Rights Manual
ADR Workgroup Committee – State of Michigan

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital
Rainbow Connection
Detroit Zoological Society
Oakland County Zoological Authority, Secretary
Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce (Chair)

Crittenton Foundation
Notre Dame Prep/Marist Academy
YMCA – North Oakland

COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce
Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce
Lake Orion/Oxford Chamber of Commerce
Rochester Women’s Foundation
Rochester Hills Mayor Advisory Council for Van Hoosen Museum

OTHER LEGAL TEACHING

Guest lecturer, Walsh College
Guest lecturer, Detroit Edison Company - Environmental law issues
Observer & Eccentric contributing legal columnist

PROGRAMS

Instituted and presented multiple programs for the community and schools including Court in the Schools/Critical Life Choices, Have to Choose, Mock Court and Most Wanted.

AWARDS

MSU College of Law Distinguished Alumni Award, 2008
Rochester Board of Education Service Award, 2002
Rochester Elks Community Service Award, 2005
Rochester/Auburn Hills Community Coalition Healthy Building Award, 2005
Oakland County Bar Association Distinguished Public Servant Award, 2006
Gary Bernstein Esteemed Women Award, 2010
AV Preeminent rating by Martindale-Hubbell, 2011
Oakland Mediation Center Leadership Award, 2015
Oakland Mediation Center Advocate Award, 2019

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

“Don’t Blame Judges For Jail Overcrowding,” The Oakland Press, Guest Opinion, March 23, 2007
“Unauthorized Practice of Law,” OCBA LACHES, January 2012
“Any New Developments in the Law in 2018?” OCBA LACHES, January 2019