

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFESSIONAL:

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EDUCATION:

University of Wisconsin Law School, LLB (1961-1963).
George Washington University Law School (1959-1960).
B.A. Economics, University of Michigan, 1957.
Escanaba High School, 1953.

PRIVATE LAW PRACTICE:

1963-1967, Associate of Melli, Smith and Shields.
1967-1970, Solo private practice.
1973-1979, Partner: Aagard, Nichol and Wyngaard.
1979-1988, Partner: Lee, Johnson, Kilkelly and Nichol; general practice with emphasis on trial practice and management and labor relations.

DANE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, 1971-1972:

- Originated the First Offender Program, the second deferred prosecution program of its type in the country.
- Hired the first staff investigator in the Dane County District Attorney's Office.
- Developed the first Law Student Internship Program for credit with the UW Law School.

OFFICE OF LAWYER REGULATION (formerly BAPR):

Special Counsel, 1973 - 1988 - Prosecuted lawyers for violations of the Code for Professional Responsibility.

WISCONSIN STATE ETHICS BOARD:

Special Counsel, 1980-1988 - Prosecuted the Secretary of State and a Wisconsin State Senator for ethics violations.

SPECIAL PROSECUTOR:

- La Crosse County: A case involving the police chief's daughter who was charged and convicted of vehicular homicide while intoxicated.
- Door County: Prosecution of two Sturgeon Bay police officers for misconduct.

JUDICIAL:

Reserve Judge for Circuit Courts in State of Wisconsin, 2005 to Present.

Dane County Circuit Court Judge, 1988-2004.

- Deputy Chief District Judge, 1994-1998.
- Chief Juvenile Court Judge, 1991-1994.
 - Originated the first Wisconsin Court Appointed Special Advocates Program (CASA).
 - Spearheaded the Children Come First Program for children and families with mental health issues.

Town of Madison Municipal Court Judge, 1974-1987.

State of Wisconsin Judge of the Year Award of the Wisconsin State Bar, 2003.

MEDIATION:

- Mediator - Wisconsin Patient's Compensation Panel.
- Member - Wisconsin Association of Mediators.
- Dane County Bar Mediation Committee, 1988-2004.
- Voluntarily mediated many civil cases at the special request of fellow judges, 1988-2004.
- Helped develop and implement the Dane County Bar Mediation Program, the first program of its type in the Midwest. Board of Directors member, 1984-1988.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Director Government Accountability Board, 2007 to Present.
- Lecturer UW Law School 1988-2004, Judicial Intern Program for five semester credits.
- Member of the Wisconsin Judicial Council, 1996-2003.
- Co-chairperson Wisconsin State Bar Commission on Violence and the Courts, 1996.
- Helped found the James E. Doyle Chapter of the Inns of Court 1996-2004; first President.
- Member of the Wisconsin Supreme Court Judicial Education Committee, 1992-1996..
- Recipient of the Wisconsin State Bar Presidents Award, 1992.
- Member of the Wisconsin Supreme Court Committee on Civility in Courts, 1990.
- Dane County Legal Services, Chairperson 1965-1970; helped develop a grant and program to provide the poor with legal services
- President, Dane County Bar Association , 1987-1988
- Lecturer UW Law School, 1973-1975, taught a section of a summer practice program.
- Chairperson of the Wisconsin State Bar Committee to commemorate the Bill of Rights 200th Anniversary, 1991.
- Madison Legal Aide Society, Chairperson 1962.

ARMED SERVICES:

U.S. Army, 1957-1959.

Served in the White House Army Signal Agency, 1958-1959.