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EDUCATION

William Mitchell College of Law - J.D. *Magna Cum Laude*, Jan 1978
University of Minnesota – B.A. Psychology, 1972

EXPERIENCE

PROFESSOR OF LAW – August 2015 – Present

Mitchell Hamline School of Law

- Teaching Evidence, Trial Advocacy, and Advanced Trial Advocacy

SENIOR JUDGE – August 2006 – July 2018

- Eligible to be a District Court Judge throughout the State when needed

SENIOR FELLOW/PROFESSOR OF LAW– August 2006 – August 2015

Hamline University School of Law

- Taught Evidence, Criminal Procedure, Criminal Law and Trial Advocacy

Current Adjunct Faculty:

- National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada; Illinois, Montana, Florida, Tennessee Adjunct Professor, 2001 to present – Teaching evidence, courtroom procedure, judicial decision making courses to new and experienced state court trial judges from the United States and other countries

Former Adjunct Faculty:

- Minnesota New Judges School – Teach Evidence and Courtroom Management, 1991 - 2016
- Minnesota Continuing Legal Education - Evidence & Trial/Appellate Advocacy Instructor, law firms including Fish & Richardson and Robins, 1989 - 2011
- University of Minnesota Law School – Judicial Training Skills Program
- William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul. Taught Evidence, District Court Externship, Criminal Law, Advanced Trial Advocacy, Trial Advocacy, Adult Learning Theory, 1980 – 2003
- National Conference of Administrative Law Judges, Evidence Instructor, 2002
- University of Minnesota Law School. Evidence presentation to Moldovan legal educators, 2003
- North and South Dakota, Iowa justices, judges and lawyers, Evidence, 2003, 2004, 2008
- Trial Advocacy/Evidence Instructor for the Minnesota Attorney General, 2006
- National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Team Leader, 1992 – 2004

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE), February 1983 – August 2006- Responsibilities: General jurisdiction trial court judge for 23 ½ years; presided and issued decisions/opinions on all types of criminal cases, all types of civil cases, as well as family, juvenile and probate matters. Retired but still actively serving as a Senior Judge)

Judicial Activities/Honors:

- Co-Founder/Former Chair, The Minnesota Judicial College (for experienced trial judges) 1989-2006. Responsible for selecting the faculty and curriculum (civil/criminal procedure, family, criminal, court technology, personal development, sentencing and evidence) Also evidence instructor
- Selected as a member, Minnesota Judge's Criminal Benchbook Committee, 1987 - present
- Selected by the MN Supreme Ct. Education Director to teach Adult Learning Theory to faculty judges
- Selected as faculty member to the 1992 and 1993 National Leadership Institute on Judicial Education
- Selected the 1999 Trial Judge of the Year -Minnesota Chapter of the American Board of Trial

Advocates

- Elected to The International Academy of Trial Judges in 2000
- Selected as a 2002 Trial Judge of the Year by the Minnesota Judges Association
- Member of the Supreme Court Evidence Advisory Committee, 2005-2006
- Distinguished Alumni Award – William Mitchell College of Law, 2005

Assistant United States Attorney, District of Minnesota, August 1978 - February 1983

Responsibilities: Criminal prosecution of white collar crimes, including bank fraud and embezzlement, major narcotics conspiracy cases, bank robberies, firearms and extortion cases. Wrote numerous appellate briefs for the government and presented oral arguments before the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Law Clerk for Hennepin County District Judge Douglas K. Amdahl, former Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, July 1976 - July 1978. Responsibilities: legal research, preparation of legal memoranda, draft legal opinions and orders

Research Analyst, Minnesota House of Representatives, Dec 1972 - June 1976

Responsibilities: Writing position papers, analyzing policy and political considerations in proposed legislation, drafting legislation and solving constituent problems

Chemical Dependency Counselor, Hastings State Hospital, Dec 1970 - Dec 1972

Responsibilities: Group and individual therapy for chemically dependent teenagers and adults

BAR ACTIVITIES

- Former Chair – ABA Judges Education Subcommittee : Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs
- Former Chair and Board Member, Minnesota Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers Group
- Member of the Richard T. Oakes Inn of Court 2004-2007
- Past President and original member, Warren E. Burger Inn of Court
- Past President and Board Member, William Mitchell College of Law Alumni Association
- Past Board Member, William Mitchell College of Law Board of Trustees
- Past-Secretary of the MSBA, Civil Litigation Section, Governing Council
- Former Chair-Elect of Minnesota State Bar Young Lawyers Section
- Former Volunteer Legal Aid Attorney

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Volunteer Appellate judge and Mock Trial Judge for Hamline Law School, 1990 – present
- Mock Trial Coach - Meadow Creek H. S., 1996 - 2006: State Champions 2000, 2001 and 2004; finished 14th, 10th, and 3rd at the National Championships in 2000, 2001, and 2004
- Volunteer Trial Judge for Futures in Learning Law Program
- Volunteer Judge for the National College Mock Trial Tournament
- Mentor – St. Thomas University Law School, 2004 -2005, 2005-2006.
- Habitat for Humanity Volunteer
- Minnesota Adopt-A-Highway Program, 1999 – 2016
- Volunteer MSBA/LCL 50 mile bike ride fundraiser June 2005,2006,2007 &2008.
- Former member, Ad Hoc Committee to establish a personal counseling program at William Mitchell
- Former Big Brother

PERSONAL

Married with two children and four grandchildren. Completed the Pheonix Rock and Roll Marathon in 2005.