

DANIEL J. KELLEY

Retired Judge – Circuit Court of Cook County (1984 - 2008)

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Mediation/Arbitration: *ADR Systems of America - Senior Mediator and Arbitrator: February, 2008- present*

At ADR Systems I serve as a mediator and arbitrator in the following types of cases: business/commercial, breach of fiduciary duty, insurance, construction, mechanic's lien, personal injury, medical and professional malpractice, products liability, real estate, and employment matters.

Judicial: *State Judge - Circuit Court of Illinois - Cook County: 1984-2008*

Law Division – Trial Judge - Commercial/Business Calendar- June, 2006- February 2008

I presided over cases pertaining to commercial/business litigation that involved complex legal issues and multiple parties. I preside over these cases from their initial filing through trial. This included ruling on multiple pre-trial motions and conducting extensive pre-trial settlement conferences.

Law Division - Civil Trial Judge – January, 2002 - May, 2006

I presided over trials involving personal injury, wrongful death, medical malpractice and products liability. Throughout this period, I conducted numerous pre-trial settlement conferences involving complex insurance issues.

Criminal Division - Felony Trial Judge – January, 1987- December 2001

I presided over all types of felony criminal cases which included the trial of: capital murder, first-degree murder, rape, armed robbery, robbery, burglary, theft, and distribution, sale, and possession of narcotics cases.

Municipal Division - Misdemeanor Trial Judge – December, 1984 – December, 1986

I presided over all types of non- felony criminal cases, and felony preliminary hearings.

Legal: *Cook County State's Attorney's Office: 1977-1984*

Felony Trial Division - 1983-1984

Preliminary Hearing Division - 1982

Misdemeanor Division - 1981

Traffic Division – 1980

Legal Counsel to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Drug Abuse Program – 1980 - 1984

Clerk - Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Drug Abuse Program - 1977-1980

CERTIFICATIONS:

Certified Mediator and Arbitrator

Certified Judicial Mentor

Honors, Memberships and Professional Activities

- Named Leading Lawyer in Illinois 2010 – 2015
- Member, American College of Business Court Judges
- Member, Illinois Judges Association
- Member, Association of Attorney Mediators
- American Legion Award
- American Enterprise Institute (AEI)-Brookings Joint Center for Regulator Studies, Continuing Judicial Education Programs: “Economic Institute for Judges,” “Critical Issues in Toxic Tort Litigation,” “Second Annual Symposium on Critical Issues in Construction Defects Litigation,” “Insurance and Risk Allocation in America - Law and Regulation,” 2005 – 2007
- Advanced Science and Technology Resource Judge Program (ASTAR) “Language of Life Sciences Boot Camp”, The Ohio State University, 2007
- Advanced Science and Technology Resource Judge Program (ASTAR) “Neuroscience and Bio-Behavior Technologies”, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, 2007

* ASTAR’s mission is to identify, recruit, train and deploy science and technology resource judges under a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. Resource Judges preside in complex cases featuring novel scientific evidence and issues and are skilled in mediation and other procedures that may save litigants from the financial and emotional costs of lengthy trials. They also provide background and procedural information to their colleagues and provide leadership for Bench, Bar and law school education for the next generation of jurists.

Admissions

- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 1980
- United States District Court- Northern District of Illinois, 1980
- Illinois Supreme Court, 1980

Education

- J.D., The John Marshall Law School, 1980
- M.S., University of Akron, 1976
- B.A., John Carroll University, 1975.