

HONORABLE DOUGLAS F. STASKAL (Retired)

Education

Juris Doctor, The University of Iowa College of Law 1979
Degree awarded with High Honors
Order of the Coif

Bachelor of Science, The University of Iowa 1976

Legal Career

Mediator and Arbitrator June 2018 – current
Engaged in private practice of alternative dispute resolution.

District Court Judge 2001 – 2018
General jurisdiction trial court judge in Iowa's largest district by population and case load. Presided over cases involving every area of civil law and every level of criminal offense from filing through trial, judgment and sentencing. Ruled on administrative appeals of final action of various administrative agencies. Retired June 1, 2018.

District Associate Judge 1996 – 2001
Limited jurisdiction trial court judge in Iowa's largest district by population and case load. Presided over small claim cases, juvenile court cases and misdemeanor criminal cases.

Associate and Partner, Brick Gentry Law Firm 1986 – 1996
Hired as associate and named partner after two years. General practice medium-sized Des Moines law firm. Represented clients in business, litigation and domestic matters.

Assistant Iowa Attorney General 1979 – 1986
Criminal Appeals Division for two years, drafting briefs and engaging in oral arguments on State's behalf in criminal appeals in Iowa Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. Balance of career in AG's office was spent in Area Prosecutions Division prosecuting, and assisting county attorneys around the State in prosecuting, crimes ranging from murder to tax offenses and other "white collar" offenses.