

PETER J. GARTELOS

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DATA:

OFFICE:

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**Date of Birth: January 12, 1943
Place of Birth: Moline, Illinois
Marital Status: Married (Karen K. Gartelos)**

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

**1962 - 1966 Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois
Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois
(B.A. 1966)**

**1970 - 1973 Valparaiso University School of Law,
Valparaiso, Indiana
(Juris Doctor Degree May 20, 1973)**

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION:

**January 17, 1974 Certificate of Admission to Practice Law
in the State of Iowa**

**July 31, 1974 Certificate of Admission to Practice Law
in the United States District Court
(Northern District of Iowa)**

MILITARY SERVICE:

United States Army (February 1969 - November 1971); Honorably Discharged November 22, 1971; Assigned as the Secretary/Stenographer to the Chief of the Criminal Intelligence Division, U.S. Army CID Agency, Washington, D.C. Participated in several sensitive Department of the Army level criminal investigations, to include the unprecedented probe of NCO/EM Club scandals in Germany, Okinawa and Vietnam, and the complete background investigation of the My Lai war crime allegations.

LEGAL AFFILIATIONS:

**Black Hawk County Bar Association
Iowa State Bar Association
American Bar Association
Iowa Trial Lawyers Association
American Academy of ADR Attorneys
National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals**

LEGAL BACKGROUND:

I have practiced law in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls area since 1974 specializing in personal injury litigation both as plaintiff counsel and as counsel for the defense handling over 500 personal injury claims in both state and federal jurisdictions. Along with specializing in personal injury, I have extensive practice experience in the areas of domestic relations, insurance law, real estate law, probate, and corporate law.

MEDIATION/ARBITRATION EXPERIENCE:

Since February of 1997, I have mediated over 4,500 cases with a 97% success ratio. I have mediated cases involving personal injury, medical malpractice, legal malpractice, accounting malpractice, dram shop liability, libel/slander, real estate, defamation of character, age and employment discrimination, Family Medical Leave Act claims, ADA claims, breach of contract, disputes between insurance carriers, crop damage/loss, sex discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual molestation of minors, dissolution of marriage, slander, bank and business fraud, and several wrongful death claims.

I have also served as an arbitrator in matters involving personal injury claims, medical malpractice claims, real estate claims, and construction claims involving breach of contract.

Board certified by the American Academy of ADR Attorneys on September 15, 2000. Remain a certified member having served as President and Director of said organization.

Recognized as a 50-year member of the Iowa State Bar Association at the Annual ISBA Meeting in 2024.

Invited into the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals in January 2015 and subsequently invited to become a member of the Iowa Executive Committee in January 2024 to oversee future nominees/inductions to the Iowa Chapter. NADN membership is by invitation only and is limited to attorney mediators and arbitrators who have proven experience in those fields. All NADN members have been reviewed and found to meet stringent practice criteria and are amongst the most in-demand neutrals in their respective states.