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Education

- JD, DePaul University College of Law
- BA, St. Norbert College, De Pere, Wisconsin

ADR Experience

Judge James F. Henry retired from the Cook County Chancery Division in October of 2007 after serving almost 20 years as a Circuit Court Judge. He brings his judicial experience and reputation as a skillful pre-trial mediator to his private ADR practice. Judge Henry has extensive experience mediating an array of civil disputes including complex commercial, contract, business, employment, professional malpractice and financial matters. In addition to his ADR practice, Judge Henry is of counsel to the Chicago-based law firm of Meckler, Bulger, Tilson Marick & Pearson, LLP and an Adjunct Professor at the Loyola University Chicago-School of Law where he teaches Remedies

Judicial Experience

While in the Chancery Division, Judge Henry presided over a wide variety of complex civil cases including class actions, injunctions, declaratory judgments, specific performance, insurance, trusts, receivers, insurance liquidation, employment and wrongful termination, zoning and environmental matters. He gained a reputation as an eminently qualified and even-handed jurist, who was highly effective with helping litigants resolve cases through the pre-trial mediation process.

Before moving to the Chancery Division, Judge Henry served in the Law Division for seven years where he presided over an Individual Commercial Calendar. His numerous bench and jury trials included matters concerning professional liability, breach of contract, construction law, securities and commercial litigation, among others. He also ruled on contested motions. In addition, he was known for helping litigants resolve their cases through pre-trial settlement conferences.

Judge Henry began his judicial career in 1988 in the First and Fifth Municipal Districts where he presided over personal injury, property damage, misdemeanor and felony criminal cases. He later moved to the County Division where he handled adoption, real estate valuation, tax deed cases, election law, mental health law, and subdivision and annexation cases.

Legal Experience

Prior to his Judicial career, Judge Henry was a partner in the Chicago-based law firm of Gould & Ratner where he concentrated his practice on real estate, tax, zoning and environmental matters, administrative, trial and appellate litigation. Before joining Gould & Ratner, Judge Henry was an attorney in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office-Civil Division.

ADR & Professional Training

- Comprehensive Mediation-Certified Mediator, National Judicial College
- Negotiations: Professor Shapiro, Harvard Negotiation Project, Northwestern University School of Continuing Studies
- Divorce Mediation-Certified Mediator, Northwestern University School of Continuing Studies
- Judicial Symposium on Construction Defect Litigation, American Enterprise Institute/Brookings Institute
- Critical Issues in Civil Litigation, American Enterprise Institute/Brookings Institute
- Financial Statements in the Courtroom, National Judicial College

Bar and Professional Organizations

- Chicago and Illinois Bar Associations, Appellate Lawyer's Association
- Board Member-Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago
- Board of Managers-Chicago Bar Association
- Chicago Legal History Society-Founder

To schedule mediation or arbitration with Judge Henry, please contact Mike Weinzierl at 312-346-3770, x129 or weinzierlme@resolutesystems.com by email.



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