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Former Judge Timothy Vocke Inducted into the Wisconsin Law Foundation

October 10, 2014 Rhinelander, WI—Former Vilas County Circuit Court Judge Timothy Vocke was inducted as a Fellow into the Wisconsin Law Foundation this week. Vocke said his election to the group was an unexpected honor.

“Over my career, I’ve been involved in various activities of the State Bar such as the Bar Representative to the Judicial Council, a presenter at various seminars and a member of the Wisconsin Lawyer Assistance Program Committee (WisLAP), as well as a volunteer to assist Attorneys, Judges and family members in crisis,” Vocke said. “But, I didn’t see this coming until I was nominated.”

Vocke is a mediator with Resolute Systems, the Wisconsin-based national mediation, arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) consulting group.

“We are very happy for Tim and extremely proud that one of our mediators has received this honor,” said Michael Weinzierl, vice-president of Resolute Systems. “Tim has a great heart, and I know that he will do a lot of good through the Foundation.”

Vocke said he is looking forward to assisting the group with its mission, particularly with educating young people about the law.

“One of its better known activities is supporting State High School Mock Trial program,” Vocke said. “Rhinelander, of course, has the most successful program in Wisconsin; it’s success is directly attributable to Kathy Vick-Martini, who is in my opinion, the best coach in the not just Wisconsin but the in the U.S. She and her teams have had outstanding help from Jim Jacobi and Oneida County Circuit Judge Mike Bloom, as well as many others over the years since 1984.”

The Wisconsin Law Foundation is a charitable and educational organization that serves to promote public understanding of the law, improvement of the administration of justice and other law-related public service through funding of innovative and creative programs that improve the vision of the American justice system, according to its Mission Statement.

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Vocke practiced law as an Assistant DA, DA or attorney in private practice, or served as a Circuit Judge in Vilas County from 1973 to 2009. Since 2009, he's served as a Reserve Judge in various counties in Wisconsin including Vilas, Oneida and Marathon; provided services as an Independent Hearing Examiner for Vilas, Oneida and Sawyer Counties and since 2011 has been one of six retired Judges making up the Government Accountability Board, serving as Chairman in 2013 and presently Secretary. When he took office as Vilas County Circuit Court Judge in 1979, he was then the youngest Judge in the State. Vocke teaches on a regular basis to various groups including both the State Bar and Judiciary diverse subjects including ethics and reactive self defense. This past June, he co-taught a course on ethics at the State Bar Convention as well as leading a yoga session.

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