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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Dettmer Law Office, PLC, Practice limited to civil mediation and facilitation.

Certified 2003 by the Michigan Supreme Court in Civil Mediation

Appointed standing mediator for the Chippewa-Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA).

Dettmer Law Office, PLC, practicing general civil, commercial and criminal litigation and served as "Of Counsel" to the firm of Olson, Bzdok and Howard through January, 2019.

United States Attorney, Western District of Michigan. 1994-2001

Appointed by President William Jefferson Clinton and confirmed by the United States Senate.

Responsible for the legal representation of the federal government agencies in the 49 county District; Chief federal prosecutor responsible for enforcement of the federal criminal statutes; responsible for policy issues and communication between the District and the Department of Justice and the overall responsibility for the office and its employees.

Principle in the Law firm of Dettmer, Thompson & Parsons specializing in civil and Negligence litigation throughout the State of Michigan. 1987-1993

President and Chief Executive Officer of Michigan Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company.

Responsible for the overall administration of this company, including oversight of claims, underwriting, finance, investments and sales.

This company was incorporated to provide mutual ownership and affordable premium rates for Michigan lawyers. It was mutually owned by approximately 3000 Michigan lawyers.

Responsible to a nine member lawyer Board of Directors, served a chair of its claims' committee. 1986-1994

Principal, Law Firm of Robb, Dettmer, Messing & Thompson – Civil and Negligence litigation throughout the State of Michigan 1976-1987

Partner in the Law Firm of Olson & Dettmer, 1972-1976

Professional Activities And Recognitions

United States Department of Justice

- Chair, AGAC Committee of the Office of Justice Programs (O.J.P.)
- Recipient, Building Safer Communities Award, Executive Office of Weed & Seed
- Recipient, Assistant Attorney General's Special Achievement Award
- Recipient, State of Michigan Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award
- Recipient, Key to the City, City of Benton Harbor, for crime reduction programs
- Commencement Speaker, Wayne State University Law School

State Bar of Michigan – Past Elected and Appointed positions

- President
- Elected District A Commissioner, covering Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula,
- Member, Executive Committee of Board of Commissioners
- Chairperson, Committee on Legislation
- Chairperson, Task Force on Professionalism
- Co-Chairperson, Standing Committee on Professionalism
- Chairperson, Upper Michigan Lawyers Committee
- Chairperson, Standing Committee on Scope and Correlation
- Elected member of the Representative Assembly
- Attorney Discipline Board: Hearing Panelist,
- Recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award, State Bar of Michigan Negligence Section, 2018

Past legal organization memberships:

None presently active

American Board of Trial Advocates -

Advocate - elected to membership by peers. Membership consists of plaintiff and defendant trial lawyers who have tried in excess of 50 jury trials.

American Inns of Court

Barrister – by peer invitation.

National Board of Trial Advocacy

Certified in Civil Trial Advocacy in 1981

American Bar Association

Member, House of Delegates, 1992 - 1998

American Bar Foundation:

Fellow

Michigan State Bar Foundation

Life Fellow

Martindale-Hubbell:

(AV) rating – highest legal / ethical rating, awarded by lawyer peers, 1987

Michigan Super Lawyers

2010-

EDUCATION

Wayne State University - School of Law
Juris Doctor – 1971. Admitted to the State Bar of Michigan, December 9, 1971

Michigan State University
Bachelor of Science - 1968

MILITARY

First Lieutenant, Infantry, USAR