

Retired Judge Charles Atwell joined Jay Daugherty Mediation and Arbitration in December 2020 after serving eight years Of Counsel with the law firm of Foland Wickens Roper Hofer and Crawford, P.C. While working for Foland Wickens, Judge Atwell concentrated his practice on mediation and arbitration and work as a Special Master. However, he also did some law practice in which he frequently represented businessmen and public officials in a variety of different contexts.

Judge Atwell spent over 16 years on the circuit bench at Jackson County, Missouri. At the time he left he had just finished a term as the Presiding Judge. During his tenure on the bench, he was involved in a variety of complex cases in such areas as commercial litigation, securities fraud, products liability, medical malpractice, anti-trust, real estate evaluation and death penalty cases. Some of the more notable cases Judge Atwell presided over included a plane crash case involving the Governor of the State of Missouri; a case involving evaluating of commercial real estate of an office building on the Country Club Plaza area. Dispute regarding the funding of the Power and Light District in Kansas City and a shareholder derivative case involving Worldcom and Sprint.

While Charlie served on the bench, he frequently used discovery masters in complex cases. Since leaving the bench, he himself has been involved actively in that kind of work. Usually, these matters involve complicated cases that encompass multiple counsel. Judge Atwell also associates himself with Senior Counsel Jordon Stanley of the Foland Wickens law firm in assisting in these discovery matters. He has served as Special Master in various courts throughout the Kansas City area.

Since joining Jay Daugherty Mediation & Arbitration, Judge Atwell's work is limited to an ADR practice and serving as a Special Master. He is an active panel member for the AAA. He has actively mediated cases on a regular basis not only as a Judge but also being in private practice for over eight years. The Judge considers himself to be a generalist and he has mediated a large variety of disputes. At times, those cases are although often very contested or for small amounts of money all the way to personal injury and business cases where they are damage prayers and 8 and 9 figures. Since leaving the bench he has been involved in arbitration hearings both in the Kansas City area and several other locations throughout the country. Those hearings involved complicated business construction and healthcare issues. Upon joining Jay Daugherty Mediation & Arbitration, Judge Atwell has mediated in private practice more than 600 cases. The Judge is a member of the Missouri Association of Mediators, the National Association of Distinguish Neutrals, and the International Academy of Mediators. As a lawyer, Judge, mediator and arbitrator, he has often been speaker at a variety of programs both in the Kansas City area and other locales.

You can schedule a mediation with Judge Atwell through Jay Daugherty Mediation & Arbitration website which contains the NADN calendar for Judge Atwell. In addition, you can contact Katrina Batcheller at Jay Daugherty Mediation and you could also contact the Judge directly at that same number.

OF NOTE:

Judge Atwell began his legal career as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Jackson County Missouri and then served as a United States attorney for the Western District of Missouri. He was associated for almost 16 years with the law firm of Wyrsh Atwell Mirakian Lee and Hobbs and was a well-known trial lawyer both regionally and nationally throughout the United States. He was regularly named Best Lawyers of America and has retained an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell. Charlie was active in the Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the National Association of Criminal Defense. Judge Atwell also was a regular faculty member of various programs for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA) in several different locations throughout the country. His tenure with NITA expanded for almost 35 years. In 2007 Judge Atwell was named by Missouri Lawyers Weekly as the Best Circuit Judge in the State of Missouri. In 2013 he was given awards by the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association for outstanding contributions to CLE work. In 2015 he received two additional awards from the KCMBA one for his donation of time and Professional Excellence in the area teaching trial advocacy and he received the Distinguished Council Award from that same organization. During the time Judge Atwell was on the bench on multiple occasions he served as a Judge on the Missouri Court of Appeals and served as a Special Judge on the Missouri Supreme Court.