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Education:

Luther College 1971-1973
University of Iowa 1974-1975 (BA with Honors in Sociology)
University of Iowa 1976-1979 (JD with High Honors, Order of the Coif)

Work History:

I began in June 1979 with White, Wenzel and Piersall in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. My primary practice at that time was a general practice with an emphasis in tax, estate planning and corporate. I joined Elderkin, Pirnie, VonLackum and Elderkin in 1983 where I continued to practice in the tax and corporate area. My practice gradually evolved away from a business practice to a litigation practice, initially bankruptcy and later insurance defense. On January 1, 1989, I began a new firm with John Riccolo under the name of Riccolo & Baker, P.C. This firm practiced almost exclusively in the area of litigation. Cases have involved personal injury, professional negligence, construction, real estate, commercial questions, employment issues, and workers' compensation. I have been involved in over 30 trials of which approximately 20 were solo jury trials, 6 were trials in which I participated with another attorney, and 6 bench trials. I have also been involved in numerous administrative and bankruptcy hearings where evidence is taken. I have had extensive appellate practice. I have participated in 23 reported decisions and at least 10 other appeals that were not reported.

I assumed the duties as a district court judge for the Sixth Judicial District in the State of Iowa beginning January 3, 2005. I assumed duties on the Iowa Court of Appeals on December 23, 2006. I was appointed to the Iowa Supreme Court in 2008 where served until December 31, 2010. As a district court judge, I heard cases ranging from divorces to medical malpractice

cases to land disputes. As an appellate judge, I heard hundreds of cases covering almost every aspect of the law.

I am currently in practice with an emphasis in alternative dispute resolution including both mediation and arbitration. I am also currently an adjunct instructor at the University of Iowa College of Law teaching Trial Advocacy and State Constitutional Law.

In May 2012, Justice Baker received the 2012 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award. He has also been honored with the 2011 Louise Noun Civil Liberties Award from the Iowa ACLU.

Work related activities:

Iowa State Bar Association (Member of the Jury Instructions Committee, Temporary Bar Examiner, Young Lawyers Board of Governors, participated in the writing of the Appellate Practice Manual as a member of the Appellate Practice Committee, Chairman of Bench-Bar Seminar Committee)

Iowa Bar Review- lecturer

Sixth Judicial District Board of Governors

Linn County Bar Association (member- Ethics and Grievance Committee)

American Bar Association

Iowa Trial Lawyers Association (Chairman- Amicus Curie Committee)

American Inns of Court- Mason Ladd Inn

Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers

Merit Selection Panel- U.S. Magistrate, Northern District of Iowa

Community Outreach Committee

Frequent lecturer at continuing legal education programs

6th Judicial nomination commission member (2012-2018)

Civic activities:

Cedar Rapids West Rotary Club (President, Board Member, Chairman of the seven club Rotary Centennial Project Committee, various committees)

Witwer Senior Center (Past member of Board of Directors, past President and Treasurer)

United Way- (past board member)

Elmcrest Country Club (Board member, Golf and Greens Committee, President)

Clear Lake Yacht Club (Board Member)

YMCA (Volunteer Swim Coach)

Service Club Bowling League- president

School committees