

Joseph P. Dandurand

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| Current Employer-Title | Jay Daugherty Mediation and Arbitration |
| Profession | Mediator, Arbitrator, Special Master, Retired Circuit Court Judge, Retired Appellate Court Judge |
| Work History | Jay Daugherty Mediation and Arbitration, August 2021—Present. Executive Director, Legal Aid of Western Missouri, 2017 – July 2021; Chief Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Missouri Attorney General, 2009 - 2017; Judge, Missouri Court of Appeals Western District, 2007 - 2009; Circuit Judge, 17th Judicial Circuit (Cass and Johnson Counties) of Missouri, 1986 - 2007; Attorney, Rahm, Rahm and Dandurand, 1980 - 1986. |
| Consumer Experience | Successfully mediated several consumer cases, Supervised the Director of the Consumer Protection Divisions of the Attorney General Office and of Legal Aid of Western Missouri and approved the filing/investigating/settling of consumer cases within the office. |
| Experience | <p>Extensive experience in 41-year legal career with the value of civil claims in Missouri. Served in private civil practice, presided over 1,500 judge and jury trials over 21 years on the Circuit Court bench. Served as the Custodian of the Missouri Legal Expense Fund as Chief Deputy Attorney General, where had decision making authority over settlement of all monetary claims against the State. Also made decisions on the filing of civil claims by the State, including consumer protection claims, and whether and how much to accept to settle claims.</p> <p>Working with Jay Daugherty Mediation and Arbitration since August, 2021, mediated several cases per week, successfully facilitating a majority to resolution. Approved AAA arbitrator appointed to arbitrate several cases.</p> <p>Formerly the Executive Director of a non-profit legal organization providing free legal service in many areas of civil law to persons who are unable to hire an attorney. Legal Aid of Western Missouri serves 40 counties in Missouri.</p> <p>Primarily served as the Chief Operating Officer to the General Counsel for the State of Missouri. Entrusted by the Attorney General to make most final decisions on matters ranging from personnel matters, criminal charges, civil case filings and case resolutions.</p> <p>Elected in August 1986 as Circuit Judge in Missouri, and was re-elected in 1992, 1998, and 2004. In 21 years on the circuit trial bench, 15 of those years as the Presiding Judge, presided over more than 250 jury trials. Often specially appointed by the Missouri Supreme Court to preside over many high-profile civil and criminal cases from other circuits, including capital murder, wrongful death, and medical malpractice cases. Twice appointed by Chief Justice of Missouri Supreme Court to sit as a replacement Supreme Court Judge.</p> <p>During six years as a private practitioner, was a partner in a general civil, domestic, and criminal trial practice. At the time of election to the trial bench, had the largest family law and adoption practice in Johnson County, Missouri.</p> |
| Alternative Dispute Resolution Training | Arbitration Fundamentals and Best Practices for AAA Consumer Arbitrators, 2021; Certified by the Missouri Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution for |

completing Missouri Supreme Court Rule 17 Mediation Training for Civil Cases, 2021.

Professional Licenses

Admitted to the Bar: Missouri, 1980; Kansas, 2021; U.S. District Court: Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri.

Education

University of Missouri Kansas City School of Law (JD - 1980); Central Missouri State University (BS, Business Administration (Accounting), Military Science minor degree - 1977); St. John's Diocesan Seminary (1971-1974).

Awards and Honors

2012 Excellence in Governance Award recognizing commitment to ethical principles, efficiency, economy, and policies that are in the public's best interest.
2016 National Association of Attorney's General Meritorious Service Award for meritorious and extraordinary achievement as Missouri Deputy Attorney General 2009-2016.

2018 Distinguished Service Award, Cass County Bar Association.

2021 Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Central Missouri.

2022 Missouri Chief Justice – Access to Justice Award.