

J. Michael Traynor joined the ORR | COOK firm after serving 18 years as a Circuit Court Judge in the Seventh Judicial Circuit from his election in 2000 until his retirement in 2019. As a judge in the Circuit Court in St Johns County, he was assigned and presided over cases in both the Civil and Felony Criminal Divisions of the Circuit Court.

Judge Traynor earned his B.A. in Philosophy from the Seminary of St. Vincent de Paul in 1970 and completed his J.D. at the University of Florida, Fredric G. Levin College of Law, in 1980. During his tenure on the bench, he handled a range of complex matters involving criminal, civil, juvenile delinquency, dependency, family, probate, and guardianship cases. He is known for his commitment to civility in the courtroom, high ethical standards, and integrity as a neutral.

Prior to his work on the judicial bench, he spent over 20 years working as an attorney in private practice, handling civil, probate, and guardianship matters in St. Augustine, Florida. With over 40 years of combined legal and judicial experience, he is now practicing as a certified civil mediator in the 4th, 7th, and 18th circuits of Florida. The counties in which he ordinarily mediates include Nassau, Duval, Clay, St Johns, Putnam, Flagler, Volusia, Seminole, and Brevard. However, with the extended areas available through Zoom Video, he has, and is willing to mediate whenever asked.

#### Experience:

- Twenty (20) years of private practice in civil law
- Eighteen (18) years as a Circuit Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit Court in Florida.
- Assigned to the Civil and Criminal divisions as a judge and presided over hundreds of jury and non-jury trials, some including circuit civil, felony criminal, juvenile delinquency and dependency, family, probate, and guardianship cases.

#### Practice Areas:

- Real Estate and Property Law
- Corporate Law
- Commercial and Business Law
- Construction Law
- Estate and Probate Law
- Trusts Law
- General Practice
- Trial Practice